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## MISSOURI SENATE

## Cheaters could face jail time under bill

## Legislation targets those who bamboozle system

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — If current academic dishonesty legislation is signed into law, Joe Blow high school or college student could land a prison sentence if caught taking a test for someone else.

But Sen. Steve Ehlmann (R-St. Charles) said that was not the original intention of his bill.

"Students who cheat will still be disciplined by the schools," he said. "There are outside parties that aid in cheating currently not punishable by schools. It isn't designed to take kids in school and put them in jail. It would be third parties subject to prosecution."

The bill would aim at individuals who attempt to take an exam in place of some-

one else, or anyone who provides papers or other work to students.

While the bill would currently call for prosecution of all individuals caught in the act, regardless of any monetary transactions, Ehlmann said the bill was intended to crack down on the sale of such materials to students from outside sources.

But Ehlmann acknowledged the bill would provide for the prosecution of students who were caught cheating.

"If the bill passes, the prosecutor could

go after the person who took the test, whoever that is," he said. "[If done for money,] it's not cheating; that's illegal commercial activity."

But even if passed, Ehlmann admitted the provision outlawing the handing out of test materials would be difficult to enforce.

"That would be the tough thing to prove in court," he said. "The prosecutor would have to prove the defendant gave out the

"When you look at the practical aspect of it, it might be overkill."

Darrel Warren  
Joplin High School principal

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## FACULTY SENATE

## Instructors debate virtues of less work

## Committee discusses requiring fewer hours

## Hours away

Southern is one of two colleges in the state and area that requires a minimum of 128 credit hours for a bachelor's degree. Here's how the others stack up.

**120** Mizzou, UM-Rolla, UMKC & UMSL

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J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

By TAMMY SPICER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Changing graduation requirements from 128 credit hours to 120 will not be recommended by the academic policies committee at Missouri Southern.

College President Julio Leon raised the issue in August during his address to the faculty. The academic policies committee was asked by the Faculty Senate to review the current graduation standards. A preliminary report was presented to the Senate at its March meeting.

"We just wanted to look at it from the student's perspective," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "The trend in education is competencies rather than units of completion."

"We are always taking a look to see if the College should modify or change the

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## GOCKEL SYMPOSIUM

## Mazrui headlines series

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than half a world away from Missouri Southern lies the continent of Africa. In April it will seem a little closer.

The second annual Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium will devote itself this year to the continent. "Africa: The Neglected Continent" is the title of this year's symposium to be held April 13-14 and featuring three speakers.

Monday's program will feature noted African expert Dr. Ali Mazrui, a professor at State University of New

York-Binghamton. He is best known for the volumes of books he has written on Africa and his award-winning documentary *The Africans*.

"Dr. Mazrui is the recognized world expert on Africa," said Richard Massa, director of Southern's Institute of International Studies.

Massa said he planned this year's symposium on Africa after debating what would likely have the biggest impact on the world this year. He said President Clinton's pending visit to the continent and Kofi Annan's, a native of Ghana, appointment as the

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## STUDENT LIFE BEAT

## Students rushing to graduate are part of Operation Overload

## Student LifeBeat



These special feature stories are designed specifically for you—the students. If you have story suggestions please call 625-9311.

By NICK PARKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Full-time status as a student means taking at least 12 credit hours per semester. But some Missouri Southern students go the extra mile when signing up for courses.

Several factors play into the decision to take a heavy course load. Some take extra hours in their final semester just to get it all over with. Others challenge themselves to graduate faster than the four- or five-year norm. Some even do it for financial reasons.

No matter the reason, students taking several hours walk a thin line between academic sanity and course overload.

Most agree the key to staying on the sane side of the wire is time management and focus.

Christin Mathis, sophomore secondary education major, has 23 hours this semester, the same amount she earned last fall.

Mathis, who will have completed 62 hours just a year out of high school, is not only attempting early graduation but may also shoot for a double certification within her education major.

Mathis is active in several organizations around campus, including band, Koinonia, the honors program, and the Student Senate. She also serves as student regent.

"I've just always found when I'm busy I do better," Mathis said. "I try not to waste any time. The more I'm involved, the more I enjoy my campus time. It makes it easy to get up out of bed in the mornings."

"I haven't found the honors classes that much harder, except maybe I write a lot more. There's more discussion in those classes. I really like the honors program;

they've been supportive when I've needed the help."

Finances can also play a role when deciding how many hours to take. Jennifer Terrey, freshman nursing major, is taking 18 hours this semester to qualify for her financial aid. She said wasn't able to take the required 12 hours last fall, so she has taken extra this semester.

The second-semester student said the first few semesters are probably a good time to take extra courses. She wouldn't, however, recommend taking a heavy

"I've just always found when I'm busy I do better."

Christin Mathis  
Sophomore secondary education major

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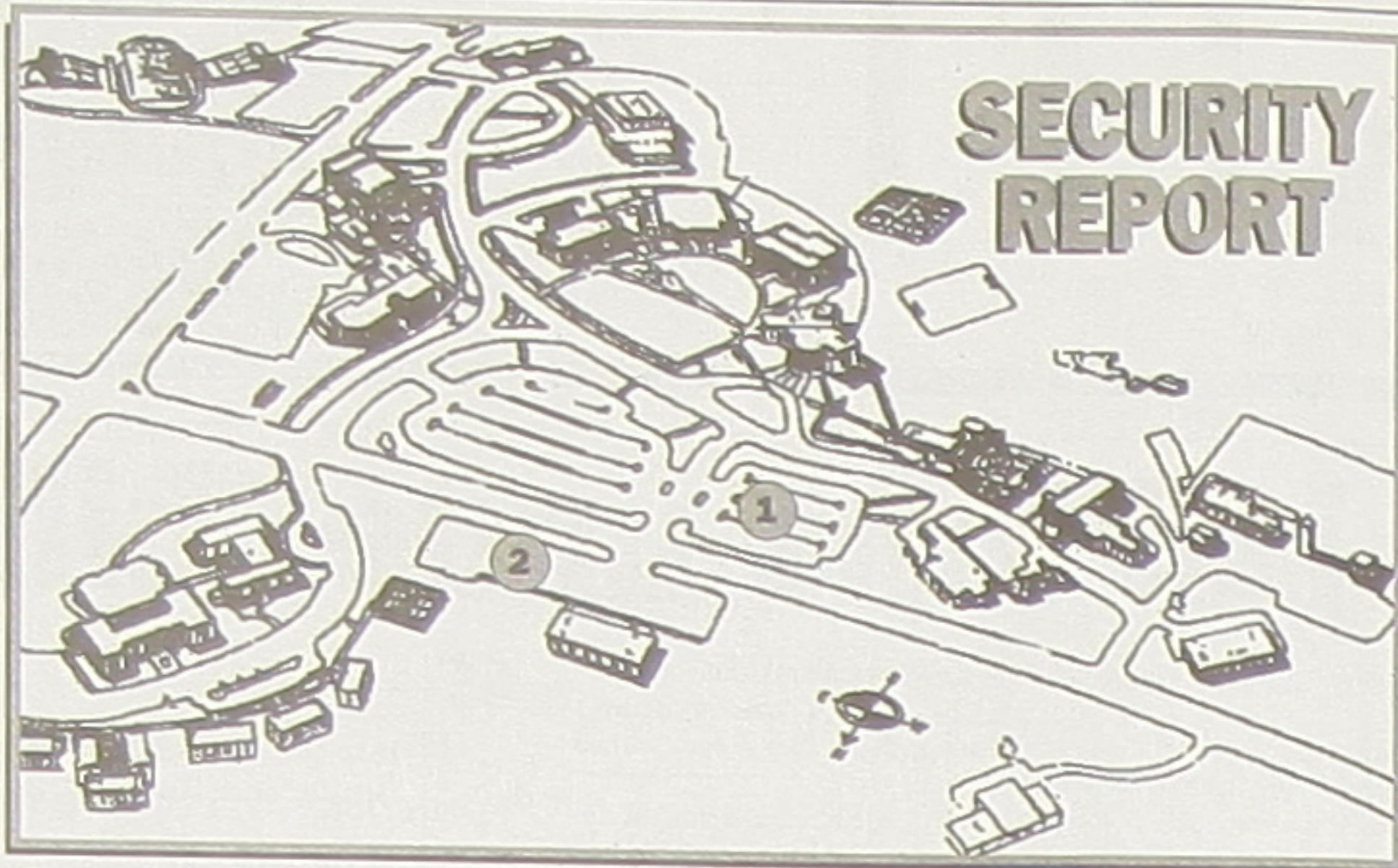
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- 2 03/11/98 Lot #24 1:30 p.m. Donny Pennington, senior secondary education major, was leaving campus in his 1984 Ford Bronco when it caught on fire. The Joplin Fire Department extinguished the fire which engulfed the vehicle.

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## HONORS PROGRAM

## Fall applications increase

By BETH HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

Honors program applicant numbers for Missouri Southern's fall semester are up 55 percent over last year.

"I've heard applications are up for the whole school," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, honors program director. "It's a natural thing; it's an evolution of our honors program reputation. It's more firmly established in the four-state area."

There are 45 spaces available in the program, with 150 applicants. Qualifications for high school senior applicants are either an ACT score of at least 28 or a 3.5 grade-point average.

Students at Missouri Southern may also apply for the honors program; the only criteria are a 3.5 college GPA, no fewer than 15 college hours, and no more than 30 college hours.

Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program, said there

are many factors that might be contributing to the increase in applicants this year.

"I know people apply to the honors program first because of its solid reputation," she said. "The people in the program are speaking to their friends."

The increasing number of honors students from the past year has already pushed past the maximum enrollment number of 25 people per class.

"It really depends on the amount in the scholarship purse," she said. "It also depends on the workload of those involved in maintaining the program. We'd like to have as many as we could have."

College President Julio Leon agrees.

"It is certainly gratifying to see one of our programs held in such high regard by so many outstanding students," he said.

"We will do everything we can to accommodate as many as possible," Leon said.

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Dr. Pat Kluthe  
Honors program

Ackiss views the increased applications with slightly mixed feelings.

"We interview all the applicants who meet the criteria," he said. "The interviews are fun, but we interviewed 55 percent more than last year, and last year was exhausting." □

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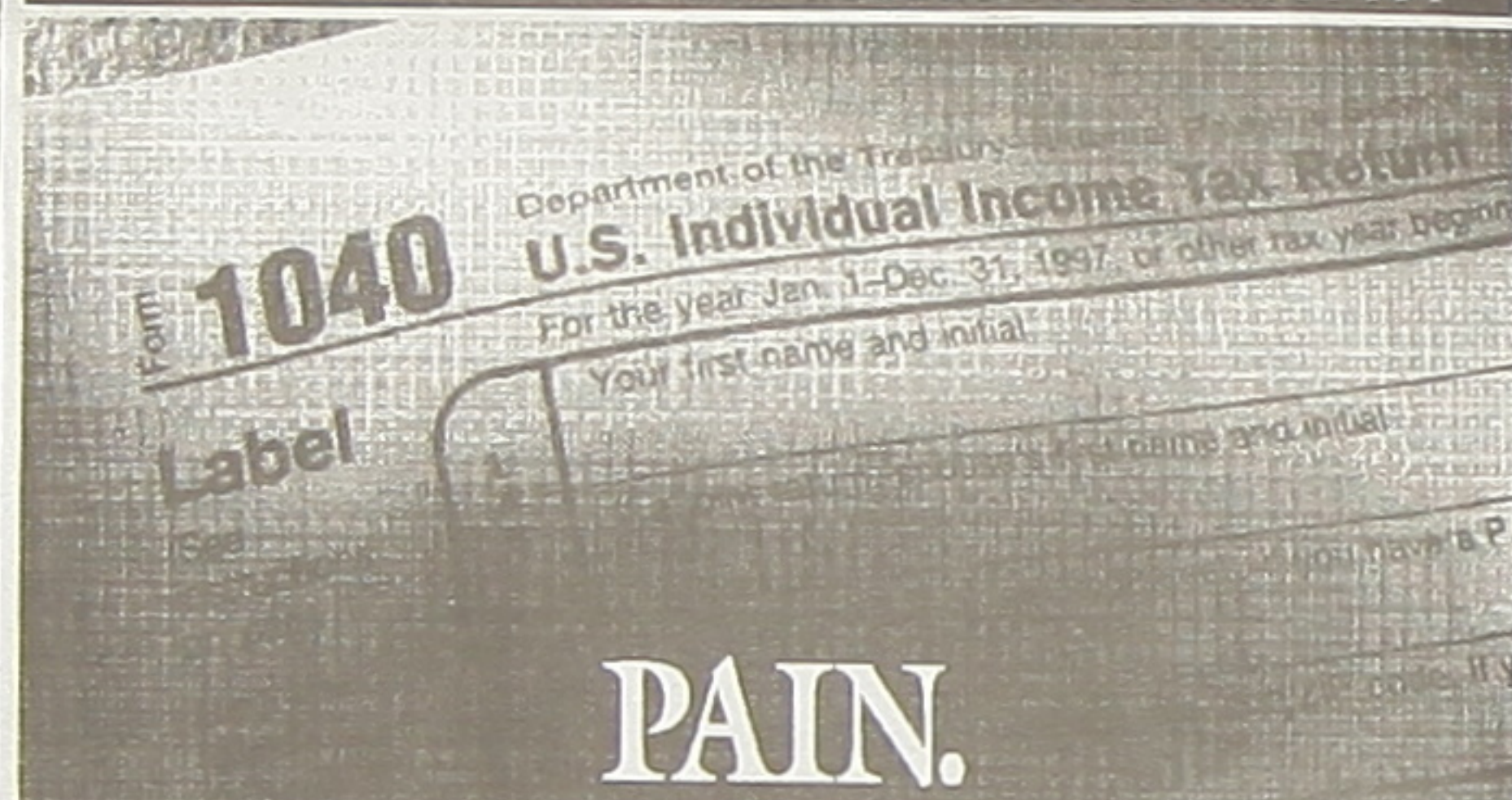
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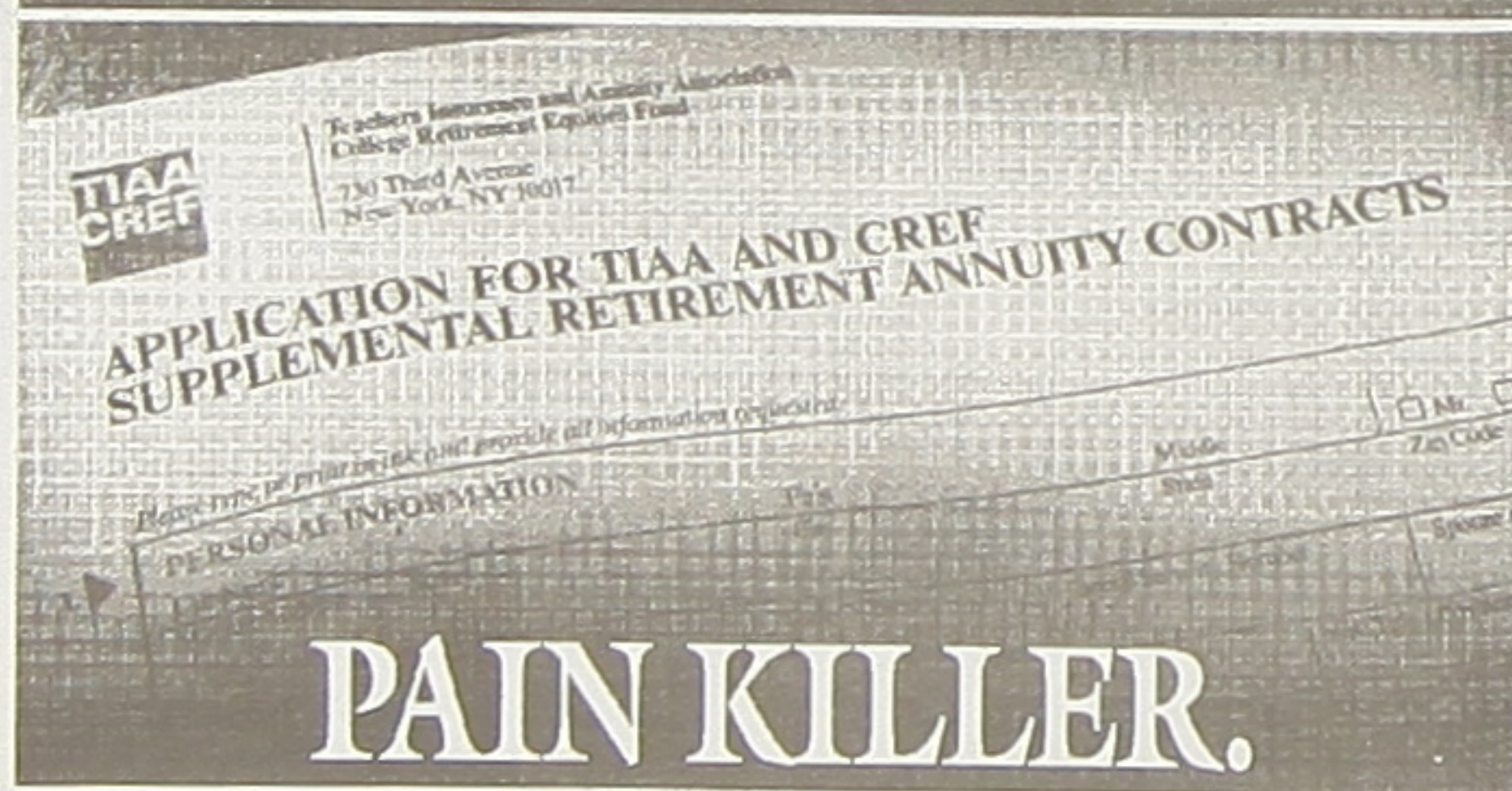
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## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

## Moorman, Stebbins step into new roles

New positions given to help meet growing needs of programs

By NICK PARKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Appointing two faculty members to new positions, Missouri Southern strives to keep up with the growth of the communications department and the Institute of International Studies.

Dr. J.R. Moorman, associate professor of communications, has been named assistant head of the communications department. Dr. Chad Stebbins, associate professor of communications and adviser to *The Chart*, has been named assistant director of the Institute of International Studies.

Although the new positions official-

ly begin July 1, both have already assumed their added duties.

"This is a process so we as a

College can continue to grow and do a better job of serving the students," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "With the growth of the Institute, Mr. [Richard] Massa had recommended reconsidering some reconstruction."

Massa was appointed head of the communications department in 1980 and director of the Institute of International Studies in 1996.



Moorman



Stebbins

Moorman's new duties will include continuing Massa's work in planning and developing curriculum, scheduling classes, working with students and faculty of the department, and enhancing the image of the department and College through public relations.

Moorman will continue to teach such classes as Introduction to Human Communication, Organizational Communication, and Communication Issues.

"The good thing is I get to teach the bookend classes," Moorman said. "I teach the survey class at the beginning that every major takes. And then I teach the Communication Issues class that all graduating communications majors take. I get to see the full spectrum of the program."

Moorman said his new job will provide him with more personal contact with both students and faculty of the department.

"I deal with students and their

"I deal with students and their problems, and I deal with instructors and their problems."

J.R. Moorman  
Assistant communications  
department head

problems, and I deal with instructors and their problems," he said. "I have more faculty members coming to me now with their plans than I have before."

"I see this as a way to free the department head up to have more visionary time and plan for the future. I do more semester-to-semester work. And I am more involved with the faculty now."

Stebbins' new duties will include working as the financial officer for

the Institute, scheduling and staffing classes for the international studies major and minor, working with faculty and students in arranging and promoting study abroad, and working with area media in publicizing activities of the Institute.

He is also involved in the development of a world press center for student journalists, a new "Initiative for Peace" that is being

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## FREEZE, OR I'LL SHOOT



Janet Navarro, freshman law enforcement major, takes aim during a "Red Gun" training exercise Friday afternoon in the parking lot at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. The training is used to teach what to do when pulling vehicles over on the roads.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

## COMPUTER CENTER

## College battles Y2K problem

Southern set to upgrade PC's

By TAMMY SPICER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Y2K is the name of a bug expected on campus. That is the computer industry term for the effect expected to happen to computers in the year 2000.

"This is an industry-wide problem," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services at Missouri Southern.

"Here at the College, we began planning for it about two years ago."

The College computer system has several different areas facing the Y2K bug, including operating systems for the various computers, networking applications, mainframe setups, and hardware, Earney said.

"We have 843 PCs on campus," he said. "By the middle of 1999, we will have 1,000."

The operating systems will all be upgraded this summer to be compatible through the year 2000. Currently, the application codes for the College are being evaluated to see if they are date dependent.

"The correction for the problem isn't nearly as hard as detecting it to begin with," Earney said. Originally, Southern requested approximately \$185,000 from the state to cover the costs of hiring the additional personnel needed for the changes, said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"We were very optimistic about getting the funding," he said.

"But, we were the only college that put in for the money and got overlooked."

After being denied the funding, the College decided it could afford only one full-time employee to address the problem.

This has meant getting an earlier start on the project, Tiede said.

Betty Baker, programmer analyst, works full-time on the Y2K planning.

She also is part of a four-member team addressing the problem.

"The team meets once a month and we discuss what's been done, what's in the works, and what we still need to accomplish," Earney said.

One project that won't be tackled until the middle of 1999 is the PC situation. There is a chip inside every PC called the Binary Input Output System (BIOS) that controls the dated information.

The first step is determining which machines have BIOS chips that need replacement. Actually replacing the chip will cost about \$25 per machine, Earney said.

The reason the project is being put off is because the College wants to fix only the computers to be used after the year 2000. Many of the computers on campus will be replaced before mid-1999, he explained.

The actual cost to the College lies mostly in "opportunity costs," Earney and Tiede said.

Opportunity costs are the projects being slowed down or not done at all because of the efforts being diverted toward the Y2K bug.

There is one person devoting full-time attention to the problem and three personnel who are working on it part-time.

"I think the College is going to be well-prepared," Tiede said. "We shouldn't have any problems when the year 2000 comes around. But, that doesn't say anything about all the people we work with." □



Tiede

## STUDENT SENATE

## Koinonia request empties treasury funds

Crossroads makes return to agenda

By GINNY DUMOND  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After allocating the last of its money Wednesday evening, the Missouri Southern Student Senate began preparing for next week's meeting with the administration.

Koinonia Campus Ministries received the last allocation of the semester, \$404.14, to help pay for a spring break trip to Mexico. Nathan Moss, Koinonia president, said the trip will provide an opportunity for the 40-50 students to experience Mexican culture and perhaps talk with English classes at an international university.

The other two organizations up for allocations, Council for Exceptional Children and Student American Dental Hygienists' Association, were not heard due to lack of funds.

Discussion then turned to the administration's upcoming annual visit where senators will have the opportunity to pose questions and present issues pertaining to student life. Senate President Sandy Fisk offered a list of ideas that were suggested at a Senate diversification meeting.

The first is the likelihood of asking faculty to pay a parking fee. Senior senator Zak Kuhlmann suggested first checking other area colleges to see what their policy is concerning fees.

Next, Fisk brought up the idea of having copy machines and at least one laser printer in every building, citing a plea from students for such equipment.

Computer problems on campus then came up for discussion, but senior senator Amy Graves said in a recent library committee meeting members were informed that an "angel" from Hearnes Hall had come and fixed the library computers.

The prospect of some getting some 10-minute parking spots in front of the Billingsly Student Center or closer parking designated

for the bookstore was brought up next. Then the issue of graduates being allowed to wear honors cords from honor societies within their majors at the ceremony was addressed.

"We've brought that up so many times, and it would just be rehashed," Kuhlmann said.

Finally, Fisk brought up the issue of *Crossroads: The Magazine* and asked if the Senate wanted again to press the administration to revise the mission of the publication, pointing out that it has produced only one issue since May 1997.

"We don't need to be confrontational, just see what their ideas are," Senate treasurer Alan Brady said.

After Fisk's suggestions, junior senator Tori Vicsik addressed the diminished Senate budget for this semester.

"It's because enrollment is down and they give us actual percentages of student fees," Senate parliamentarian Jason Talley said.

Next, the idea of getting speakers at the football stadium was brought to the floor by senior senator Steve Johnson. Johnson said he is simply looking for a way to increase crowd participation.

"I don't think it's just a football thing," junior senator Nathan Camp said. "I think it's a school spirit issue."

Camp also brought up the issue of students who block traffic in some of the smaller parking lots, such as the one behind Webster Hall, waiting for others to get out of class. □

## SENATE COFFERS

FEB. 11 REQUEST:

■ KOINONIA —

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Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations to make up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

## SCHOLARSHIP

## Hughes, 'Joplin Globe' offer scholarship

The Missouri Southern Foundation has announced the establishment of a scholarship fund for aspiring journalism students called the Rebekah Blair Hughes and Joplin Globe Journalism Award.

The purpose of the award is to assist Southern students who have interest in a journalism career.

The students should be a communications, English, or political science major; have a cumulative 3.0 grade-point average; and be enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester.

The College scholarship committee and *The Joplin Globe* will govern the selections for the award. Four awards will be

presented each year, beginning in the fall semester. The value of each award will be \$2,500 per year for each student.

Recipients will work 10 hours per week during the school year as unpaid interns for *The Joplin Globe*.

Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, said the Foundation board was pleased with the privileges the award would give to journalism students.

Rebekah Blair Hughes is the widow of Fred G. Hughes, former president of *The Globe*.

She is a second generation graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

## Debate team prepares for national tournament

The debate squad will travel to the National Parliamentary Debate Association's national tournament Thursday in Lubbock, Texas.

The teams of Tim Parrish-Joe Day and Tad Stricker-Becca Cassidy will compete for Missouri Southern.

The forensics squad is also traveling to the American Forensics Association's national individual events tournament in Flagstaff, Ariz., on April 3. Day will compete in persuasive speaking. Parrish will compete in extemporaneous speaking and communication analysis, and Clay Routledge will compete in after-dinner speaking.

Day placed first in persuasive speaking and qualified for nationals in a tournament on Feb. 21. Brittany Rigdon placed third in prose interpretation and sixth in dramatic interpretation. □

## Final Discovery Day set for Friday, March 20

The office of enrollment services at Missouri Southern will host its last Southern Discovery Day for the spring semester on Friday, March 20.

A program begins at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center and concludes around 1:30 p.m.

Southern Discovery Days are large, campus visit days designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to Southern. The event includes campus tours, visits with faculty in small, personalized sessions in specific areas of interest, and presentations about financial aid, housing, academics, and College services.

Participants also are provided a buffet lunch.

"Selecting the perfect college for you is an exciting process of discovery," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services. "The best way to find the 'right match' is to visit the campus and experience a typical day, meet faculty and students, and learn about the opportunities offered."

To make a reservation or for additional information, persons may call 625-9364. □

## Annual Film Festival to show Alec Guinness comedy

The Alec Guinness comedy *The Promoter* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Mathews Hall auditorium. This is the eighth program of the 36th annual International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council and the Institute of International Studies.

*The Promoter* is the droll yet uncynical study of a social climber, Henry Machin (Alec Guinness), who rises to prominence by means of forgery and deceit.

He uses cunning to alter his grades at school, forges his name on an invitation to a fancy ball, dances with the countess (Valerie Hobson), outwits his employer, and becomes a rent collector. After he becomes mayor of the town, a jealous politician complains the honor is not deserved. But the countess defends Machin by replying, "He has made us laugh." Machin's victims seem the better as a result of his schemes and ironically do not object to paying the price.

Based on Arnold Bennett's novel *The Card*, about a social climber in a stuffy community, *The Promoter* is not as well known as some of Guinness' other films, but is as equally rewarding and entertaining. In his *New York Times* review, Bosley Crowther described the comedy as "vastly amusing; as a sketch of two characters, it is grand."

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students. □



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Lack of lilacs brings forth winter blues

Brrr. I am so sad about this new wave of icy weather.

Just as I was about to dust off my old ball cap, put on some sunglasses, and head over to Joe Becker to begin enjoying the annual treat of a fresh baseball season, I saw those vicious winter storm warnings.

It sort of ruins the pleasure of early season baseball when you have to put on the Eskimo wear just to begin to endure the wind chill.

There were some other things I was looking forward to this springtime which included enjoying my new life outside the dorm walls.

Last fall my roommates and I moved into a beautiful new

house, but we were just a little late to see our flowers in bloom or take advantage of our patio and grill.

Just as I could almost smell our lilac bushes blooming, my poor foliage felt Mother Nature's icy fist rip away its hopes of blossoming. Lilacs are my favorite.

We barbecued on Sunday in the snow but opted for our dining room instead of the patio.

Winter is the time for snow and spring is the time for ball caps, Frisbees, and galoshes. I'm not going to claim that winter is my favorite season, but I can accept it as part of life in Missouri (as opposed to, say, Jamaica).

It's when I see the Ides of March approaching and have to put on long underwear in the morning to take out my garbage that I begin to resent the absence of baseball and lilacs.

"Of course, it's not like we've had the worst of things," I remind myself thinking of the blizzards in the upper Midwest and mud slides in the East caused by this strange weather phenomenon.

Guess I should feel lucky this isn't another tornado disaster, which just happens to remind me that tornado season is now at hand.

I am terribly afraid of tornadoes. More so than just about anyone, I stay up late watching for the little whirling symbol at the upper left-hand corner of my television screen if I think things are starting to look suspicious outside.

This newfound cynicism for the weather is disturbing to me. Due to the fact that I have decided to go into missions work upon my eventual graduation, I will probably have to take such weather biases into account.

I hope God will call me to a place more like Uganda (Samite reference) than, say, Vietnam where they have those monsoon seasons. Wherever it is, though, I don't think I'll have too much trouble packing the appropriate gear, be it cutoffs or earmuffs, and learn to live with the environment.

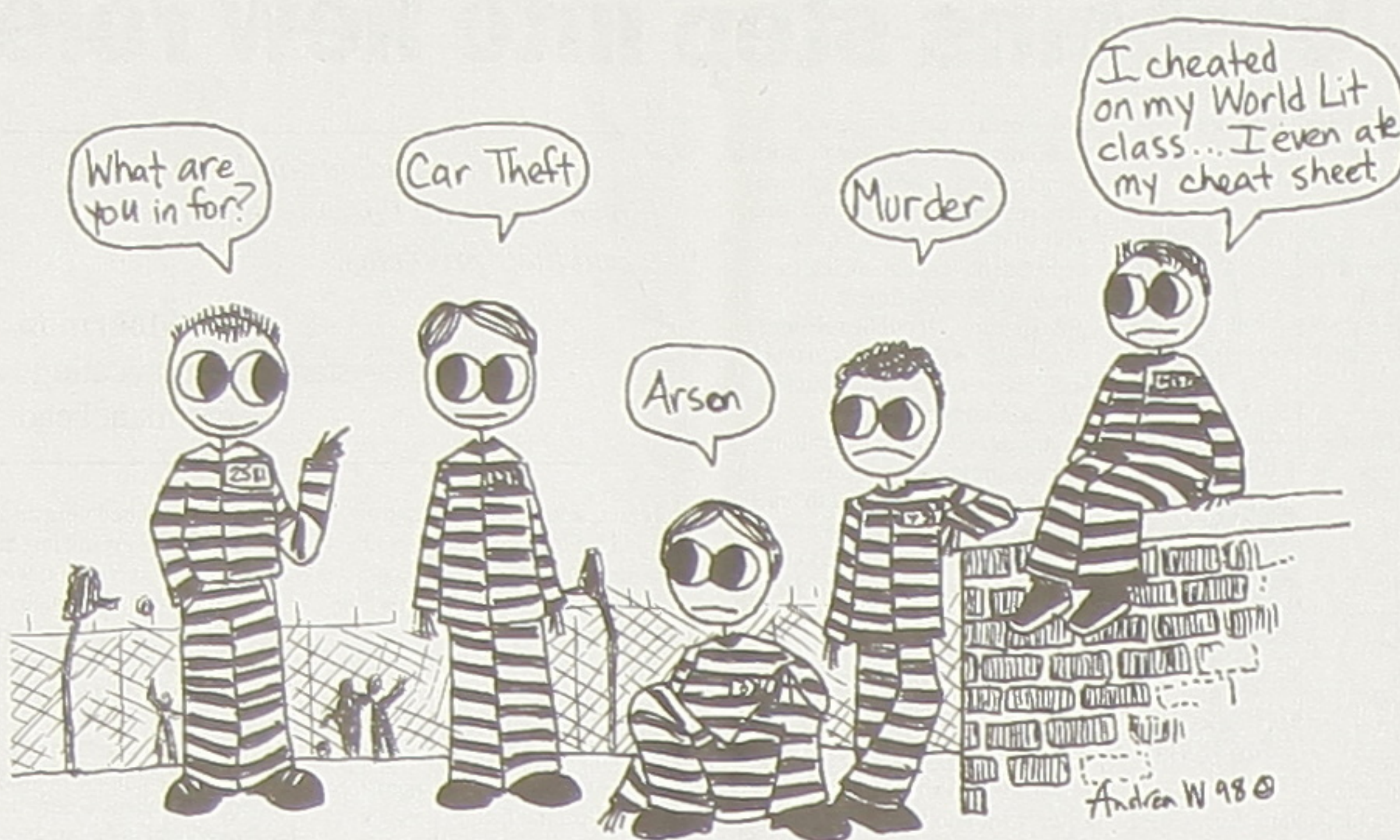
It just makes me whine a little to get hit from behind with this interruption to what I thought was about to be a glorious spring.

There is one silver lining to this time of year regardless of sunshine or shadow — the beginning of the NCAA tournament. It is the top annual sporting event in my book.

This season, after a couple of down years (during which a true fan stays faithful), Duke is back in top contention, which will make this year even a little sweeter despite the weather. ☐



**Ginny Dumond**  
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## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Who's cheating who

Cheaters never prosper is the axiom that rings throughout the elementary schoolyards during a heated marble or pog battle at recess.

Now Sen. Steve Ehlmann (R-St. Charles) wants to make sure that holds true by sending cheaters to prison.

This is what tops the priority list of one of Missouri's legislators?

While our public school system continues its slow decay and the higher education sect begins to follow suit, Ehlmann wants to steer clear of the shortcomings education legislation and tackle an issue of morality.

The tangible evidence suggests education needs legislation to bolster teacher qualifications, mandate better science and math curricula, and lower the size of classrooms. Meanwhile, Ehlmann wants to throw someone in jail for breaking a moral code.

Since there is no law against cheating, how can someone be charged with the crime of cheating?

What exactly constitutes cheating? To one instructor, studying an old test from that class is cheating; to another, it's studying. To one instructor, using an old term paper written for another class and turned in for credit in another is cheating; to another, it's efficiency.

At the heart of this proposed law is the point that the education system is failing. Ehlmann's bill would make it a crime to take a test for someone else or turn in a term paper written by someone else. A crime? No. A shame? Yes.

These problems are only more evidence the halls of academia are swollen and need relief. If someone can walk into a classroom and take a test for someone else in that class, then

it seems obvious that class is too big. The size of core classes at major universities has long been the butt of jokes, yet nothing has ever been done about it. As for buying term papers, instructors should know better than to assign broad topic papers. These papers don't help the student anyway. The more case specific a paper gets, the more free-thinking and original the paper becomes.

Cheaters are only the warning sign of trouble. They are the calm before the storm. This legislation shouldn't upset those who are going to lose money by being banned; instructors and administrators should be upset. The government is taking away responsibility from the schools. The government is trying to become the superintendent or college president.

This legislation is like the emperor's clothes. Everybody says it looks great, but there's nothing there. There's no way to prove cheating, and there's no way to prosecute. This is a poorly disguised attempt to shield attention from real academic problems by creating new ones. Legislators need not ask themselves why they are not punishing academic cheaters, and instead ask themselves why they aren't punishing school boards for not reducing class sizes. Or punishing themselves for not legislating requirements for better teachers or tougher guidelines for math and science classes.

Students in Missouri have had cheats in their schools for decades. They show up every year around election time promising a better system. By addressing plagiarism and fraud in schools instead of the plagues of over-sized classrooms, under-prepared instructors, and over-rated curricula, the Missouri legislature is cheating the state. And by doing that, they are only cheating themselves. ☐

## YOUR LETTERS

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## Early enrollment for athletes seems unfair

OK ... someone still has not been able to explain to me why athletes are able to enroll in classes first. Why is it that they get priority all over the student body with the exception of students with disabilities? Does this mean that the rest of us who aren't skilled with the ability to dribble a ball or run from a bunch of 300-pound guys are somehow on a lower level than athletes?

Does affiliation with a group or activity on campus warrant being able to enroll first? If this is true, then could the actors and actresses in the theatre department get first priority as well? They put a lot of time and effort into practicing, too! Hey guys, you get to sign up first!

The business school also does lots of

activities for the community. They offer free tax preparation and other programs just to name a few. Let 'em get priority as well.

Members of *The Chart* put a lot of time and effort into the production of the paper. It's a very visible aspect of the College. Shouldn't they be able to sign up for classes before everyone else, too?

How about students involved in criminal justice? MSTV? EMT? Technology? My point is that these programs, just like athletics, bring a lot of notoriety to the campus.

I think area high school students are drawn to Missouri Southern not only for its athletics, but academic accomplishments as well. Many of the departments I've just

listed have won numerous local, state, and national honors. Are their efforts somehow less important because they used their mental capacities instead of their physical abilities?

Besides, no one ever heard of dental hygiene student getting in trouble with the law, or an art student getting kicked off the "team" because he or she assaulted someone! I think it's time to end this discrimination against the 90+% of us who aren't scoring touchdowns or shooting baskets for the College! This will be our battle cry: "Mental athletes of the world ... Unite!"

Donnie Simon  
Senior communications major

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Mob, state are both accountable

Members of our community are sometimes heard to ask what it is, exactly, that we are getting in return for our commitment to the international mission. As the mission grows and develops at Missouri Southern, members of the accounting faculty are particularly interested in the accountability of our institution for the time and resources expended in pursuit of international perspectives.

Many members of the faculty, staff, and student body have invested significant emotional, cognitive, and physical energy in support of the mission. It is reasonable to expect participants in such an undertaking to be responsible stewards, that is, to ensure that a full accounting is made for resources expended.

The notion of accountability is an important one, and as might be expected, one that is frequently addressed in various forms in upper-level accounting classes. In my advanced auditing class, a discussion was recently held about the accountability of public officials. An important anecdote that I was able to share because of a recent visit to Russia was the experience of a restaurant owner who signed a three-year lease with the state. It should be noted that according to this entrepreneur, an expected cost of doing business in this area of Russia was that regular payments must be made to the organized crime community, that is, the mob. Shortly after signing the lease, the owner was notified by the state that his required lease payments, despite the recent agreement to the contrary, were going to increase significantly. Furious, the restaurant owner called his mob representative, who assured him that this sort of thing was covered by his protection payments and would be promptly rectified. Sure enough, in a few days, the restaurant owner was notified by the state that there had been a misunderstanding and that the rental payments would not increase.

Who was being accountable in this situation? The state, who (though presumably the keeper of order) was prepared to unfairly violate a lease agreement, or the mob, who responded to the needs of a supporter? The point is that accountability is where it is found; that responsible stewards must inevitably find ways of giving account.

The question of accountability for the international mission is appropriate, and should be properly asked by administration, faculty, students, staff, and the citizenry. It is clear that enormous benefits are being reaped by our educational process, as well as the overall environment of scholarship at the College, as a result of the international mission. Simply as a result of the Russian anecdote cited above, business students gain significant insights into the whole notion of accountability, including a perspective that would not be possible without knowledge of a very different culture and society.

At our college, we can boast of a rich educational environment, unique among public institutions in our area. We have a faculty and administration who are trying exciting and challenging new approaches to learning and scholarship, even while maintaining a tradition of rigorous pursuit of basic educational methods and objectives. With the support of our students, we are breaking new ground in identifying ways in which a college can benefit society. Questions about accountability should be welcomed at Southern, because of our outstanding track record of responsibly using resources to provide tangible benefits to students, employers, families, and the many people and generations they will someday affect. ☐



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Assistant business professor

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Jazz band marks international milestone

Music students jump at chance to play European cities

By BETH HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

Music is a universal language, and from May 24-29, Missouri Southern's jazz band members will communicate with people in London.

The jazz band will give three performances. An indoor performance is planned at the New Barbican Performing Arts Center, the home of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Members will also give two outdoor performances, one at the Plaza of Westminster Cathedral and the other at the Victoria Embankment.

"I think it's important for our students to be able to operate on an international scale," said Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music.

Meeks is jazz director of the Missouri Ambassador Program, which travels internationally once every two years. He is also the co-founder and director of Sounds of Missouri, which goes abroad every other year.

"I've known about this kind of thing

for years because of involvement with other programs, but there was no funding until the international mission with the Institute of International Studies gave funding to help out," he said.

The 20 jazz band members will participate in a master class conducted by a jazz artist from the Royal Academy of Music, who will critique them. The members will tour backstage of the Criterion Theatre and hear a lecture on the role of jazz in musical theatre.

"I love to play jazz, so anytime I get a chance to perform I'll jump at the chance," said Lance Burnett, senior music education major and trumpet player. "My father's in the military and I've lived in Japan, Guam, and the Philippines, but never been in Europe and going there has been one of my goals."

In between concerts, the band's guided tour of London will include the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, cruising the Thames River, and visiting the tombs of kings and queens in Westminster Abbey and Poets Corner, where G.F. Handel is buried.

"I'm looking forward to seeing a Broadway show done by the London cast because they're supposed to be the best in the world and the orchestras are incredible," explained Jerry Schultz, senior music education major and



Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, performs with the Missouri Southern Jazz Band at Victoria Embankment Gardens. The musical group will be returning there on this summer's excursion in London.

trombone player in the jazz band.

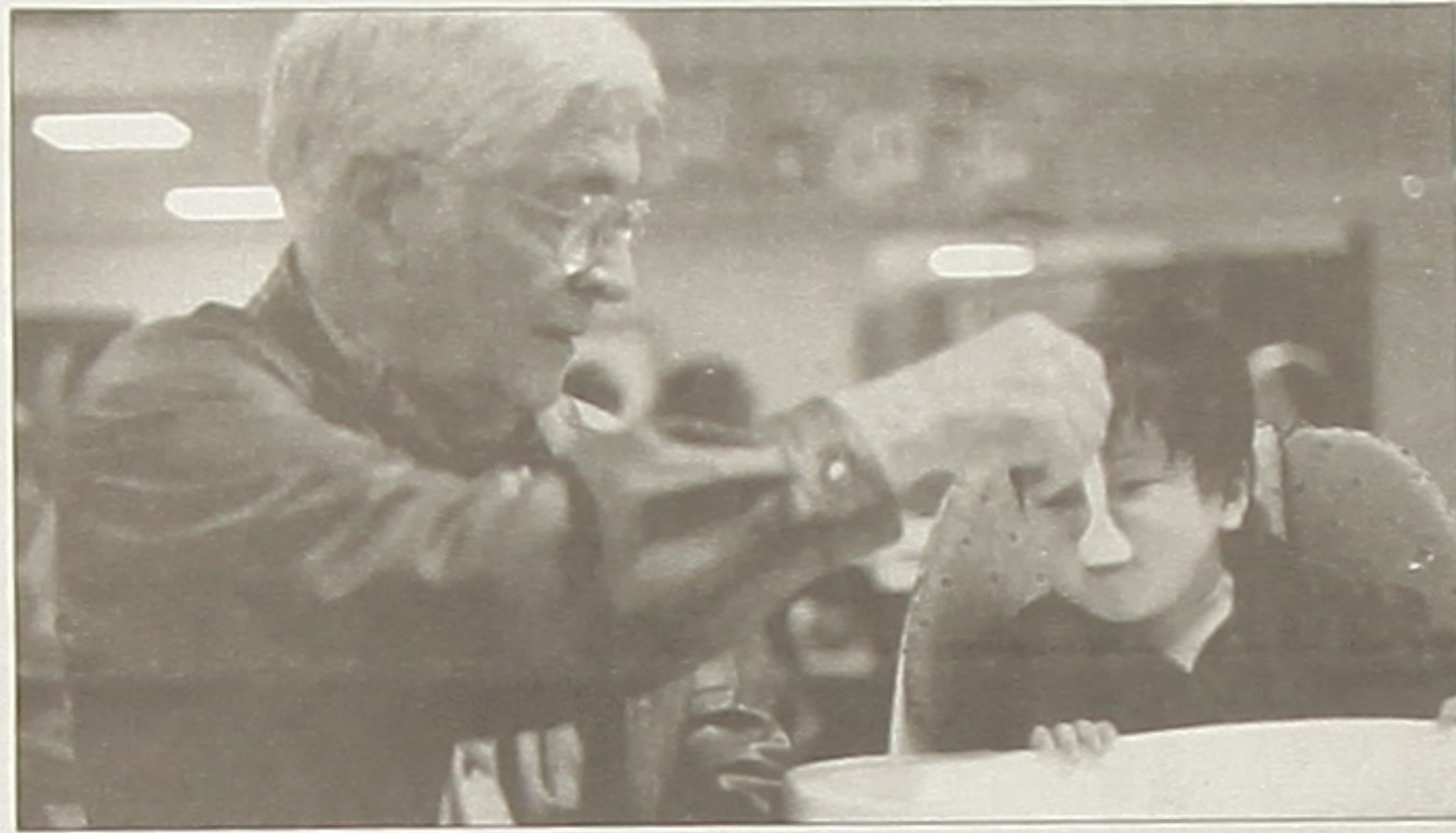
"I think this is a milestone for the music department because it's the first time the music department has been overseas," said Ray St. Ledger, trumpet

player and senior music education major. "This is a whole new avenue."

The jazz band has received help from the Institute of International Studies and the Student Senate.

"We're very appreciative of Missouri Southern for providing opportunities of this nature," Meeks said. "I think this is one of the things that sets our school apart." □

## OPEN WIDE



Vernon Lawson, Joplin, feeds his newly adopted granddaughter from China, Taryn Parker, 2, at the

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## New major provides extra edge

By JALYN HIGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in international business may declare a new major offered at Missouri Southern next fall as part of the international mission.

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration, said a tremendous amount of interest in international business has already accumulated. He speculates 15 to 20 majors to start, with the number increasing each year.

"A number of people are waiting for the degree," Gray said.

It is a lengthy process for an idea to become a new major. This major has been in the works for a year and a half, going through the ad-

sory council, business faculty, academic policies committee, Faculty Senate, vice president for academic affairs, Board of Regents, and finally to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"The school of business is here to serve the needs of our students," Gray said. "Our goal is to give them the skills and the tools necessary to make them marketable in the job place."

Dr. Bo Strombom, former coordinator of the International Trade and Quality Center, was the major writer and researcher for the major, said Terry Marion, director of International Trade and Quality Center.

Strombom, who left the College last fall, researched other colleges

and universities around the world and helped decide what courses should be included.

"I think it (the new major) will bring an enrichment element for both the one who majors in it and the one who just takes one or two classes," Marion said. "I'm guessing we are going to have more people in the latter category than the former. Some will be students from other business majors wanting an edge."

Giving students an extra edge is a main reason for the new major.

"I think the need to have the international experience is a window to opportunity if you have that experience," Gray said. "And, that international background will be marketed." □

## ROTARACT CLUB

## Trip offers chance to make contacts

Students to gain business exposure

By HEATHER OWENS  
STAFF WRITER

With a new major in international business just around the corner, students from the school of business will gain the opportunity to travel abroad this summer.

The Rotaract Club is planning a trip to London, Paris, and Geneva May 24 to June 6.

Participating students will attend seminars and business club meetings, participate in company tours, and network with various businesses.

There are two main goals for this trip, said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration.

The first goal consists of changing the mindset of students to aid them in accepting international travel as a possibility and encouraging students to look forward to it, Gray said.

The second goal of the trip is to start making direct contact with companies in the various countries with the possibility of securing internships in the near future, he said.

"As dean, I use words like 'change the mindset' a lot," Gray said.

"It's important not to think of just southwest Missouri, but to think on a global scale," she said.

Hannah Mitchell, junior management major and president of the Rotaract Club, is looking forward to this trip.

"Partly, the most important thing about the trip is that it's giving students exposure to international business," she said. "When you come from a small community, you don't really know what's out there."

Mitchell, who spent 10 months in Scotland last year, is familiar with the areas the students will visit this summer.

"Hopefully this will encourage other students to take part in international activities and broaden their minds," she said.

Camie Helms, junior marketing major, will be joining other business students on a trip to Madrid, Spain.

They will leave on May 21 for a week and a half abroad.

"This has been something that I've always wanted to do," she said.

With a minor in Spanish, Helms will use her Spanish-speaking skills as one of the main speakers in the group.

She hopes to gain a better overall understanding of international business and to have fun while in Europe.

Dana Bourassa, senior general business major, had the opportunity to travel internationally in high school.

Her trip to Paris and London was beneficial in many ways, Bourassa said.

"One of the biggest rewards was to see the different cultures, different architecture, and to take a trip like this with your peers," Bourassa said. "I would recommend international travel to anyone. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience." □

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

## CMSU students enroll via new MULE system

Central Missouri State University has announced the campus-wide launching of a new state-of-the-art MULE Student Self-Enrollment System.

"The MULE Student Self-Enrollment System is another segment of the campus' technology mission that directly benefits all of our students," said J.P. Mees, Central's vice president for planning and policy and executive assistant to the president. "This system is designed specifically for Central students. While computer enrollment is not a new idea, Central's programmers have given the MULE Student Self-Enrollment System many unique features."

Central's program allows students to enroll at convenient times, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additionally, the system gives a student the option of being placed on a waiting list if a desired class is full, with automatic enrollment and notification when he or she reaches the top of the list.

Beginning March 3, graduate and undergraduate students, at a rate of 250 per day, were able to enroll for summer and fall classes according to a pre-described schedule.

The MULE Student Self-Enrollment System doesn't replace academic advisers; it actually gives students better access to those individuals, said Sue Feldman, director of academic advisement.

"We will have 3,200 appointments available this spring during what we are calling our transition semester," she said. "We will also have staff at all the computer sites to answer questions and to help students learn how it works." □

## De Klerk to deliver peace message at Truman

F.W. de Klerk, former president of South Africa, will share his message of "Politics for Peace: The Transition of South Africa" when he visits Truman State University April 4.

The Bank of Kirksville, through a significant gift to the Truman State University Foundation, is the major corporate sponsor of the event.

Free tickets for de Klerk's presentation at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium will be available beginning March 23.

From 1982 to 1989, de Klerk served as leader of the National Party in the Transvaal, the most populous of South Africa's four provinces. In February 1989, he was selected as his party's national leader. Seven months later, after President P.W. Botha resigned, de Klerk was unanimously elected president of South Africa. In 1993, de Klerk was a co-recipient with Nelson Mandela of the Nobel Prize for the leading role he played in the democratization of South Africa and *Time* magazine's "Man of the Year." □

## Eisenhower to deliver Founders Lecture

Author, editor, and lecturer Julie Nixon Eisenhower will present the second James H. Lemon Founders Lecture Wednesday at Northwest Missouri State University.

The series was launched last year with a lecture by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Funding for the series has been provided by a 1936 Northwest graduate.

Eisenhower has spoken throughout the United States on such topics as "Public People: Image Versus Reality" and the role of the first lady, particularly in the Eisenhower and Nixon years.

The daughter of former President Richard Nixon, Eisenhower toured all over the country during the Nixon administration and represented the White House on behalf of children's issues, the environment, and the elderly. She is married to David Eisenhower, the grandson of former President Dwight Eisenhower. □

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## Penal system is main focus of Australian excursion

Criminal justice majors prepare to visit former British penal colony, brief stop at Great Barrier Reef

By BRIN CAVAN  
STAFF WRITER

Visiting island penal colonies, braving sharks, and chasing kangaroos are some of the interesting plans criminal justice students and accompanying faculty have for their trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Two department faculty, Dr. Jim Williams, professor of criminal justice, and Richard Spencer, instructor of criminal justice, planned the Australia excursion for May 25 to June 7. They will travel with 25 to 30 criminal justice students, along with Robert Terry, head of the criminal justice department.

"One of the reasons we picked Australia is because it was originally settled as a penal colony by the British," Spencer said.

"There are a lot of historic things there — particularly with respect to corrections," he said.

The group will land in New Zealand, then visit the Australian cities of Sydney, Melbourne, and the country's capital, Canberra.

They plan to view police stations, prisons, jails, and possibly attend a trial at one of the state courts.

Kenny Dean, junior criminal justice major and president of the Criminal Justice Student Association, is looking forward to seeing "a different country's perspective on the justice system and in solving crimes."

His wife, Chrystal Dean, freshman criminal justice major, is also traveling with the group.

"It's one place I've always dreamed of going," she said.

Two historic penal colonies will be toured by the students. One is Port Arthur and the other is Hobart, on the former penal colony island of Tasmania.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, is making the trip to study a wider scope encompassing the people and the land itself, "the sense and the splendor of Australia and New Zealand." □

"I teach a course this fall in penology and corrections," Gubera said. "You can't talk about the prison systems without looking at what the English did in New Zealand and Australia with their prison colonies."

In the Outback, there will be a barbecue at a sheep station with a demonstration of outback skills.

"We want to talk to some of the people that deal with poaching in Australia, which apparently is a big problem," Spencer said.

"They have a lot of endangered species, particularly around the Great Barrier Reef. We'd like to look at how they deal with that."

With the Great Barrier Reef as their final stop, Spencer and Gubera plan to do some snorkeling. Kenny Dean plans to scuba dive to get a closer look.

"I've heard there are a few sharks down there, but I think I'll brave it and try it anyway," he said.

"I'm hoping to make a good acquaintance with a kangaroo — see if I can bring one back to the United States to taunt our family dog," he said. "Forget Crocodile Dundee, just call me Kangaroo Conrad," Gubera said. □



# Greeks work to gain national popularity

Traditional groups  
struggle past biases

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Since the 1978 movie *Animal House*, fraternities and sororities across the nation have been losing ground in both popularity and respectability.

Even at Missouri Southern the downturn of the Greeks has been felt in the form of disbandings of certain organizations and the probations of others.

Currently there are four Greek organizations at Southern: fraternities Sigma Pi and Kappa Alpha and sororities Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Amber Irwin, senior nursing major and president of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said misconceptions are to blame for any deterioration of Greeks at Southern and nationwide.

"People think that all we do is party," Irwin said, "and we don't even do that at all. Our main focus is to become a well-rounded people."

Brandon Fuhr, junior marketing major and president of Sigma Pi, said the wild parties that seem to

be expected from fraternities and sororities are not even a reality because of certain regulations that must be followed when a social activity is planned.

"The FIPG is an insurance program set up for sororities and fraternities," he said, "They make rules saying that there can't be any uncontrolled sources at parties like kegs."

Irwin said another reason participation in Greek organizations is not greater at Southern is because of the types of students who attend.

"I think the problem at Missouri Southern is that this is a commuter college," she said, "and there's a lot of non-traditional students. So the Greek life, the Greek concept is not what it could be or should be to have the full benefit of being in a sorority."

Fuhr said one reason the Greeks do not have a greater presence at Southern could be because it is a relatively young school and the Greeks have not had a chance to catch hold here yet.

"Our chapter (Sigma Pi) is so young; we've only been around since May 5, 1990," Fuhr said. "We plan on building up the Greeks on campus."

Fuhr said members can meet different people and experience much



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Sigma Pi members and their dates dance to "YMCA" at their spring formal last year at the Loma Linda Country Club. The Greeks are using activities such as this to help revive interest in their organizations.

from belonging to a fraternity or sorority.

"There are all kinds of people in the fraternities; they have all different majors and backgrounds," he said. "You learn so many social skills and get to make contacts all over the United States."

Both Fuhr and Irwin said in the past few years the numbers of members in their organizations have been growing.

"Our membership has gone up every year," Irwin said.

Fuhr said joining the Greeks also gives students something that they

can do when they may normally be bored.

"The Greeks are so much fun, it just makes Southern so much fun," he said.

"We actually have planned events two or three times a week so you'll have something to do." □

## NURSING PROGRAM

### Class provides local interaction

Health students  
assist community

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

In Missouri Southern's Community Health Nursing class, students are getting hands-on experience in the areas of health promotion and preventive health.

The senior-level course, offered every spring, provides the opportunity for students to participate in real settings by observing and using the training they learn in the classroom.

The class is coordinated by Dr. Catherine Irwin, assistant professor of nursing.

The students are involved in clinical practices such as the Cerebral Palsy Center, Missouri Rehabilitation Center, and the City Health Department. Other clinics benefiting from this course are the Veterans Association; Women, Infants and Children; and Home Health.

When the course directs students into the homes of clients, they have the opportunity to teach clients and their families about the importance of good health care and how to work to prevent any future health problems.

Irwin believes the program is rewarding to both the student and the client who is receiving care.

"In the home setting, they get a good chance to develop a relationship and give support," Irwin said.

She also said the students are required to complete several projects in class for the course.

Such upcoming projects include speaking on farm and tractor safety, home health visits to prevent falls in older adults, and speaking to a local church group on prostate cancer.

Candace Fansler, senior nursing major, said most time spent in clinical



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Candace Fansler, senior nursing major, checks Melvin Zumwalt's blood pressure as part of her Community Health Nursing class.

ics is observing, but there is also some interaction involved with the patients. After they spend time at the clinic the students are then required to write details of what they saw while there.

Fansler said she enjoys being able to observe nurses in clinical set-

tings other than just observing those in a hospital.

This community based type of setting helps to break stereotypes that have been regarded of nurses.

"It's nice to find out there are nurses in the community doing other things," Fansler said. □

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### Rights group may make appearance

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Empowering the people to make informed choices is one asset the League of Women Voters (LWV) would like to bring to Webb City and surrounding communities.

"It (researching) takes so much time even on one issue," said Mary Batson, sophomore political science major.

The Missouri Southern student got the ball rolling for an area chapter. Batson became interested in the LWV last year and found out the nearest chapter she could join was in Springfield.

The LWV, founded in 1920, considers itself a grassroots citizens organization. It does the research and presents the local, state, and national ballot issues and candidates for elective office to its members with a nonpartisan view. The members can use what they've learned to cast votes knowing what the issues are about and their strengths and weaknesses.

Members receive a quarterly magazine called *The National Voter*, plus state and local groups send out newsletters on a monthly basis. Although the LWV is a nonpartisan organization, it does take positions on issues the members select and vote on.

The LWV has lobbied Congress. It also arranges for public forums, which allows candidates, representing different view points, to present material and answer audience questions. The Springfield LWV arranges for the school board candidates to meet and

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Mary Batson  
Sophomore  
political science  
major

discuss their issues and platforms within the community as long as they don't have a hidden agenda, said Kathleen Murnan, state board member of LWV Missouri.

The LWV is not just for women. Anyone can join regardless of gender. It represents women and men in all 50 states, including the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

"I've gotten quite a bit of positive response from the people I've talked to," Batson said. "I've heard a lot of people say they are interested and want to see where we're (LWV) going."

There will be an introductory meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and again at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19 at The Middlewest Building, One South Main, Webb City. Murnan will be the guest speaker. The meeting is designed to educate about the purpose and goals of the LWV. There is a fee of \$40 per year if one would like to join. □

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



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History Day <b>6:30 p.m.</b> — Lady Lions softball picnic, the Lions Den	<b>1 p.m.</b> — JPTA Music Festival, Taylor Center for the Performing Arts, Room 238, Music building, Rooms 106, 108, 208, 222	Student Life Center hours; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. <b>9 a.m.</b> — Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Webster Auditorium, for information call Rosemary Wiedeman at 673-4940	Bookstore sidewalk sale, BSC <b>10:45 a.m.</b> — St. Patrick's Day buffet, Connor Ballroom <b>5:30 p.m.</b> — ODK, BSC, Room 313 <b>5 p.m.</b> — Emerging Leaders, BSC, Room 310 <b>7 p.m.</b> — Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union	St. Patrick's Day <b>9 a.m.</b> — Morning Mass, BSC, Room 306 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> — College Heights Sports Banquet, Connor Ballroom <b>7:30 p.m.</b> — Southern Trio, Webster Auditorium, free admission •International film: The Promoter, Matthews Auditorium	Noon— CAB meeting, BSC, room 310 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> — Business seminar: International Terms of Payment, Matthews Hall, Room 102 <b>7 p.m.</b> — Madrigal Feast, Taylor Center for the Performing Arts <b>9 p.m.</b> — Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship	<b>11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b> — Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall <b>12:20 p.m.</b> — Model UN, Webster Hall, Room 223 •NBS, MSTV Studio <b>6:30 p.m.</b> — Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge <b>7 p.m.</b> — Madrigal Feast, Taylor Center for the Performing Arts

Entry deadline for The Celebrate the Pond photo and essay contest is April 1



■ CAB St. Patrick's Day Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Monday, at the Lion's Den, music by Howie Baby. Contest, prizes, refreshments.



# ARTS SHOWCASE

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# Renaissance merriment set to return

## Madrigal Feast takes diners back to 16th century

By MARLA HINKLE  
STAFF WRITER

If the drudgery of modern technology has made life monotonous, then consider being whisked away to an evening of 16th century merriment and mischief. The fourth annual Madrigal Feast, March 18-21, transforms Taylor Auditorium into a banquet hall as a benefit for the Missouri Southern music department scholarship program.

Bud Clark, director of choral activities, said the Madrigal Feast is unique because of its ability to take people back in time.

"The fairy-tale atmosphere takes the audience back to the 16th century Renaissance period," Clark said.

The event is actually a play that goes on through the banquet. This year, the theme centers around Robin Hood and his pursuit of King Budward's daughter.

Clark said audience participation

always plays a central role in the success of the event.

"We encourage the audience to interact with the cast," he said. "One of the ways we involve the audience is through punishment for breaking rules of etiquette. If one of these rules is broken, they will have to do various 'punishments,' such as kissing someone or reciting a poem."

Many cast members are excited about the upcoming event.

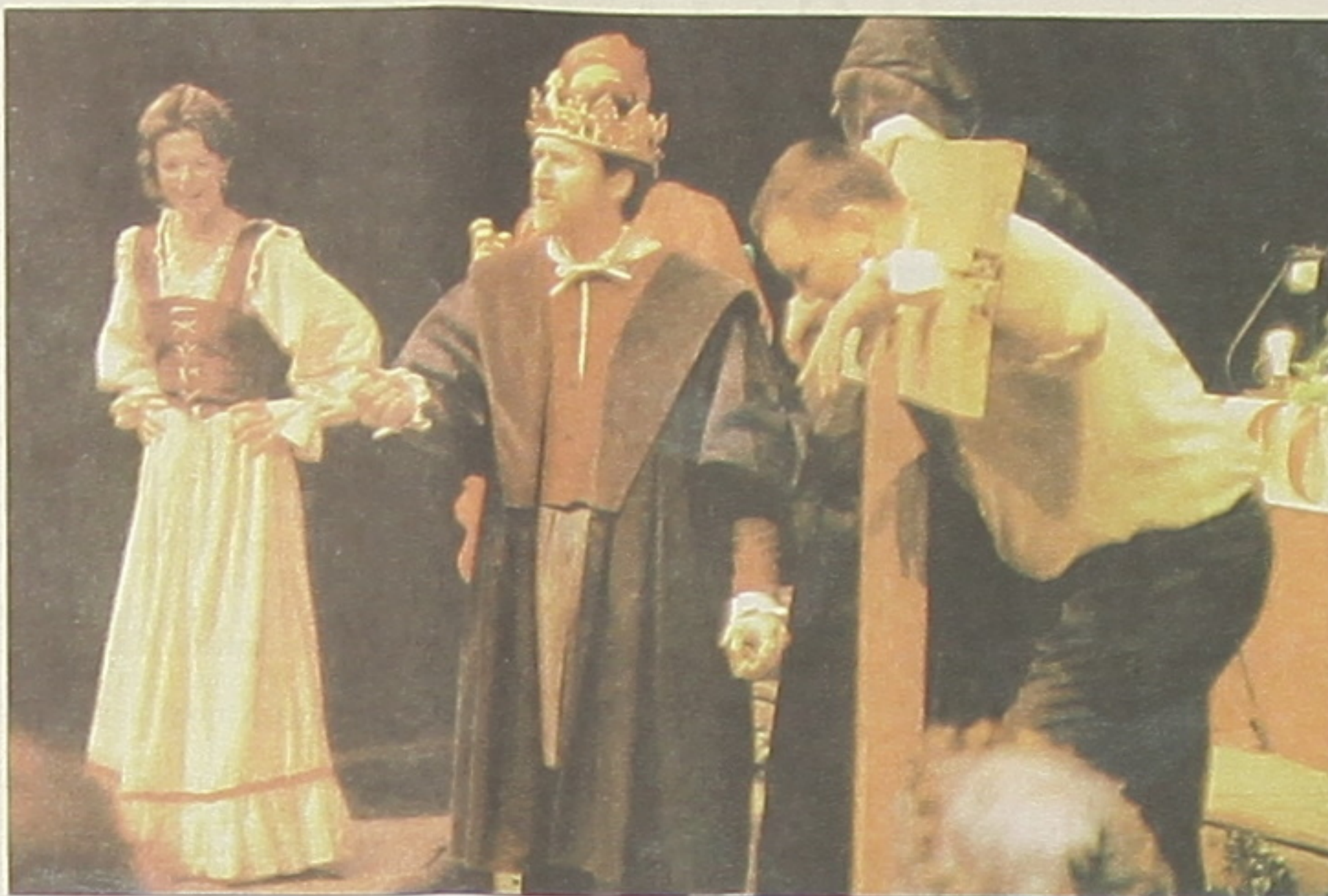
"This is my second year doing it, and it's always fun to do an impromptu play," said Corey Gasparich, senior vocal music major. "Lines are never rehearsed, and the mixture of events makes the evening magical."

Crowd participation provides the cast members with added enthusiasm.

"I feel inspired to see people who are normally reserved get excited and join in the atmosphere," said Brandon Atwell, senior vocal music major.

Hollie Townley, junior undecided major, said one of her favorite moments of the banquet is seeing first timers' reactions.

"Watching the people who have never attended a feast loosen up



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Bud Clark, director of choral activities, punishes a wayward guest in his role as King Budward in this scene from last year's Madrigal Feast. King Budward and his court will return for more fun March 18-21.

and enjoy the festivities is entertaining," she said.

Clark believes the success of the event has been phenomenal.

"Every year all 156 tickets sell out, and the popularity keeps growing," he said.

The Madrigal Feast begins at 7

p.m. each day. Cost is \$18 per person, and reservations may be made by contacting Southern's ticket office at 625-9366. □

## MSIPC

## PBS airs contest nationwide

By MICHAEL RASKA  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As the preparation for the seventh Missouri Southern International Piano Competition progresses, so does the production of a television documentary created by KGCS-LP to be aired nationwide on PBS.

"Every two years we work and produce a documentary program about the competition," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS. "We try to tape everything — all the performances, interviews with the pianists and host families, and behind-the-scenes pictures."

The documentary takes about eight months to produce, said Robin Douglas, special projects producer.

"We start with the script for the documentary where we have to make sure to time everything, then we try to tape as much as we possibly can," she said. "It's a long process that takes months to make it perfect. It's going to be seen nationwide, so we want it to be the highest quality of production that we can possibly do."

The taping of the documentary has already started with filming the organizers as they watched videos of the applicants and selecting the finalists, Douglas said.

"As soon as the competition starts, our students will have the cameras on all the time," Stiles said.

"They will direct behind the scenes, operate the cameras, and help to tape the field shots. Also, we get help from the local TV stations and people from the community."

After the taping is done, a demo tape is sent to the PBS station in Springfield for a review.

"PBS looks at it, and if they like it, they ask for the



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Taffy Coker, sophomore mass communications major, works in the KGCS studio. The station is preparing to help film the MSIPC contest.

master copy which is then broad-

cast via satellite to all PBS stations nationwide," Stiles said.

Each year the producers of the documentary try to look for something to improve it.

"We want to make it different, so people won't say 'Oh, it's another story about that piano competition,'" Stiles said.

"This year we want to focus on the backgrounds of the participants. We will try to catch the inside emotions of the performers right when they arrive, also right when they finish their playing."

The documentary helps to publicize the competition, helps people

see the quality of the pianists, and lets people know what happens at Missouri Southern, said Vivian Leon, director of the MSIPC.

"It brings a lot of recognition to our College, to our area, and to the city of Joplin," she said. "We always hear from people about the competition from every part of the country."

In the future, organizers hope to air the documentary internationally.

"We are working on that," Leon said.

"Currently we are talking with a TV sta-

tion in Moscow. They are interested because the last winner was Russian." □



## Countdown to competition

March 6—  
Honors Audition  
March 13—  
PBS Documentary  
April 10—  
Host Families  
April 17—  
A Closer Look,  
Missouri Southern  
International Piano  
Competition

## COMMENTARY

## Novel explores depth of Civil War trauma

Charles Frazier's novel *Cold Mountain* is a book that cannot be rushed. It requires complete attention for long periods of time, preferably on a rainy day in front of a glowing fire. And when the last page is



Aileen Gronewold  
Associate Editor

turned, it refuses to let the mind go easily. Frazier has catapulted himself onto the literary landscape with this

stunning first novel. Set in the South in 1864, it tells the story of a wounded Confederate soldier, Inman, who walks away from a hospital, away from the horrors of war, into the familiar Tennessee mountains of home.

The journey home proves to be as dangerous as the battleground he left, and Inman encounters the depravity and suffering of mankind in several different characters along the way. His outlook on life has been forever altered, and his only hope of finding peace and healing lies in the love of a woman named Ada.

In the four years since they parted, Ada, too, has changed radically. As the only child of a gentle preacher, her formal education leaves her ill-equipped to eke out a living on her land when her father dies. With the help of a dark mountain woman named Ruby, Ada rebuilds her life.

The narration alternates between Inman and Ada, with background information added slowly through memory and dialogue. This gradual fleshing out of the characters gives them a profound depth.

The most remarkable aspect of

## New York Times Bestseller List

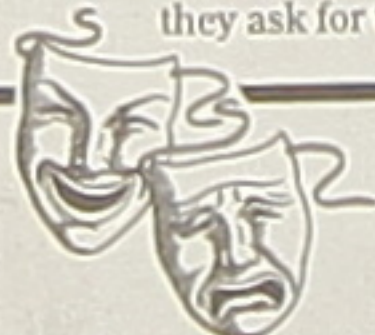
1. **The Street Lawyer**  
by John Grisham
2. **Paradise**  
by Toni Morrison
3. **Cold Mountain**  
by Charles Frazier
4. **Black and Blue**  
by Anna Quindlen
5. **Fear Nothing**  
by Dean Koontz

this book is its beautiful, precise language. Though their styles differ dramatically, Frazier's talent for description and his creative liberty with language remind me of another southern writer, William Faulkner. His attention to minute detail brings every scene into three-dimensional living color.

Another remarkable triumph for Frazier comes in the tone or mood he establishes throughout the book. He treats every scene, from the sight of the moon rising over the treetops to the sight of three skeletons dangling in a tree, with the same cadence and weight. The effect is disorienting, a perfect mirror image of Inman's psychological state in the aftermath of unspeakable horror.

Frazier also establishes the mood by weaving various images of blue throughout the story, a subtle detail highlighted by the cover designer in a silhouette of mountains in shades of blue. The recurring blue images reflect the relentless yearning that drives Inman every step of the long walk home.

By focusing on the internal workings of the characters instead of on the events of the war, Frazier has created a Civil War novel that is surprisingly contemporary. It is a story of pain and struggle and loss, but it leaves a lingering impression of hope. □



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### On Campus

#### TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

March 18 - 21—Madrigal Dinner, 7 p.m.  
April 7—Southern Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
April 18 - 19—Beauty and the Beast

#### MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Films  
March 17—The Promoter  
March 31—The Forty-First  
April 14—The Torment

#### WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

March 17—Southern Trio, 7:30 p.m.  
March 19—Lecture/Demonstration, Stephen Burns, trumpet, 1 p.m.  
April 8—Brandon Atwell, senior vocal recital, 7:30 p.m.  
April 13 - 14—Gockel International Symposium, Africa: The Neglected Continent, 7:30 p.m.

### Joplin

#### THE BYPASS

624-9095

March 13—Duke Robillard Band  
March 14—Live Comedy Show  
March 20—King Friday  
March 26—Dash Rip Rock and The Websters  
March 27—Oreo Blue

#### MEMORIAL HALL

March 28—Toby Keith and Kevin Sharp

### CHAMPS

782-4944

March 13 - 14—Vic Vaughan  
March 14—St. Pat's Parade; opening of beer garden  
March 16—Hadden Sayers  
March 20 - 21—Social Workers (R & B)  
March 25—Spring Break party  
March 27 - 28—Joe Giles and The Hardtops

### Kansas City

#### STATION CASINO

March 20—Charlie Daniels Band

#### KEMPER ARENA

April 2—Eric Clapton

#### MIDLAND THEATRE

April 14—Sarah McLachlan with Lisa Loeb

### Carthage

#### THE POWERHOUSE

April 10—"U-Turn" The Parking Lot Tour, featuring four new Christian bands, 7:30 p.m.

### Springfield

#### SHRINE AUDITORIUM

April 24—Audio Adrenaline, Supertones, and Jennifer Knapp, 7:30 p.m.



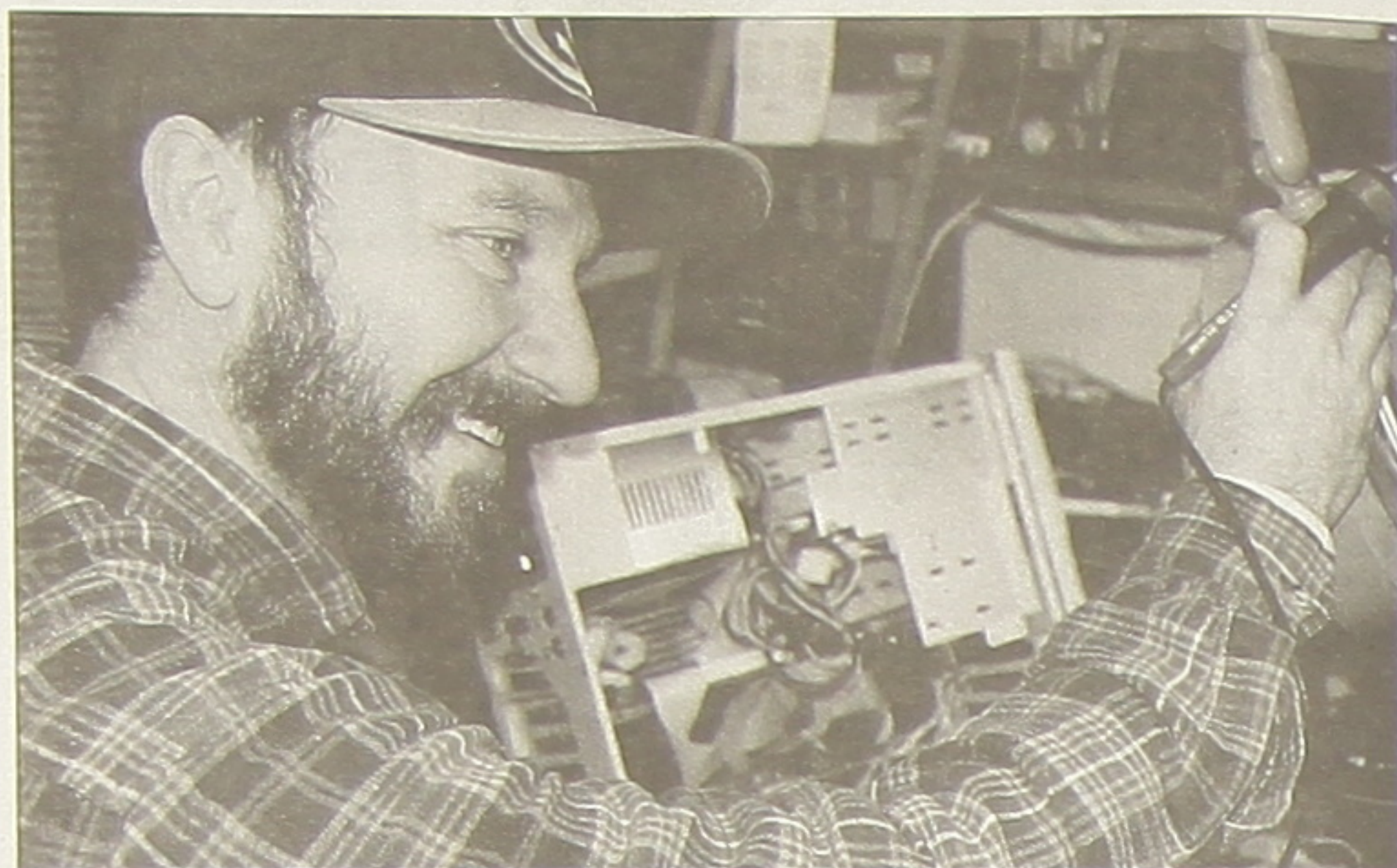
■ Southern Trio, made up of faculty members William Elliott, Gloria Jardon and Kexi Liu will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 17 in Webster Hall Auditorium.



# SOUTHERN FACES

Friday, March 13, 1998

## Technician enjoys racquetball, cards, College



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Dale McAlister, Missouri Southern electronic technician, spends his working hours repairing computers, monitors, and tape recorders. He also maintains the scoreboard and sound system at Hughes Stadium.

By MATT MADURA  
CHART REPORTER

Look out, racquetball players. A new man to beat is here.

"I got on the court and they protested," said Dale McAlister, electronic technician. "They said I can't play amateur league."

"I was too good," he said with a laugh. "They moved me over to the pro side. I ended up taking second place in a Chicago racquetball tournament."

Born in Leavenworth, Kan., in 1953, he and his family moved to Wisconsin and lived there for more than 30 years. McAlister became a true Green Bay Packers fan.

"I have walked on the frozen tundra (Lambeau Field)," he said with pride.

Prior to his job at Missouri Southern, McAlister was employed by American Motors Co., near Chicago. After that company went out of business, McAlister relocated and retrained in Aurora, Mo.

"I have always been a hands-on person," he said. McAlister earned a two-year degree in electronics at a vocational school in Monett, Mo.

"I believe that electronics are here to stay," he said. He was referred by Rocky Binning, a staff member at Missouri Southern. McAlister said Southern called him and told him to bring a résumé to his interview. He was hired in September 1996.

"Missouri Southern found me," he said. "This job is a dream come true."

Some of his duties at Southern include computer and monitor repair, projector and tape recorder repair, and installing electronic and telecommunications wiring. He also keeps the scoreboard and sound systems in good working condition at Hughes Stadium.

McAlister now resides in Aurora and commutes every day to Joplin. He lives with his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Sharece, 18, and Angela, 15. He attends the Assembly of God in Aurora with his family.

McAlister enjoys playing cards over the Internet in his spare time, but limits himself to only two hours a day. He says his favorite games include hearts, spades, and cribbage.

"I still like to get on the Internet and play and talk to the strange people out there," he said.

His love for racquetball still exists, though.

"I've just got back into playing the game faithfully again," he said.

McAlister says he loves the College and all the people here. He said he found his niche here fairly easily and quickly.

"One thing I love about the job is all the friendly people," he said.

"I think this College has a lot to offer," he said. "If people would get more involved, they would realize all that is offered. Not only to us, but the whole world." □

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## Hart calls Joplin home

By CASSIE HOMBS  
CHART REPORTER

Most people look for jobs in the classified ads, but for Dr. Brad Hart, the Internet was the guide that brought him to Joplin.

"My family and I were contemplating a move from Arizona and really had no jobs lined up," said Hart, the new forensic analyst at Missouri Southern. "One of my colleagues got on this Web page that listed jobs that were available in different crime labs across the country."

"One of the jobs listed just happened to be in Joplin. My colleague didn't know where Joplin was, but he said I should check it out."

"This isn't the first major move Hart has made."

A native of the St. Louis area, he has also relocated to Georgia as well as to the University of Arizona, where he worked in labs separating molecules in marine sponge extracts. After residing there for a number of years, Hart and his family have made Joplin their new home.

"I would like to stay here as long as possible," Hart said. "My wife and I are tired of traveling around the country. Unless something unexpected happens, I can see myself staying here for quite a long time."

Hart began his career as a forensic analyst at Southern on Oct. 1.

"Here in the crime lab we receive evidence from surrounding law enforcement jurisdictions," Hart said.

"My particular responsibility falls under drug analysis. In those cases that involve direct use or possession of drugs, the officers bring the material in and we test it. Is it methamphetamine? Is it cocaine? Is it marijuana? That's what I do."

After his undergraduate days at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Hart received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Hart's life with his family is important to him.

"I usually spend my free time with my family," he said. "I try to forget the hassles of the job and invest some time in my children's lives."

“*Staying married and getting my Ph.D. are my two greatest accomplishments in life.*”

Dr. Brad Hart  
Forensics analyst

Although things are going well now, life hasn't always been easy for Hart.

"Staying married and getting my Ph.D. are my two biggest accomplishments in life," he said. "I love my wife; she's one of the best things that's ever happened to me."

Hart cites two heroes who guide him through his life and give him ground to stand on.

Those heroes are Gen. Robert E. Lee and Jesus Christ.

"In the history books, Lee's moral character, personal character, integrity, honesty, and personal candor are things that I've always wanted to emulate," Hart said.

"Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior. He is the one that directs and guides my life. He is the one that I strive to model my life after."

Although Hart's life seems to be full, he says there is one thing he wishes he could be.

"I'd be a better father. Sometimes relationships can get pretty thin at times when you've got a 14-year-old who has his own mind about things; sometimes you don't deal with things too graciously," he said. "So if there's something I'm not that I want to be, it would be a better father."

Hart's inspiration in life comes from biblical dictates.

"I know that my place in eternity is secure with Jesus Christ. Therefore, whatever else happens, I know that I can face reality by trusting in God." □

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Military life means focus

By ANDY SEARCY  
CHART REPORTER

Just do it is a statement coined by Nike. There are some people who "just do it" everyday, as it's their way of life.

B. Michael Friday, the new technical specialist at Southern, is one of those people who believes in that statement.

"I grew up and my father was in the Marine Corps," Friday said. "His philosophy he taught to me was if it is right and needs to be done, do it."

Since his arrival at Southern in October 1997, he has helped bring a Spanish GED program to the College. Friday said there is a growing Hispanic community in Joplin, Neosho, Carthage, and Monett, and a large percent of them haven't finished their schooling.

His main line of work is to coordinate and schedule the televised classroom productions. This is part of the distance education program, where students who aren't able to come to campus are still getting a chance to learn. Friday does say some of the classes aren't on until 1 a.m., so a VCR might be handy.

Friday started out his career as a photo-journalist in the Air Force, where he earned 110 photographic awards. He was in the Air Force nine years before he went to college.

One of his greatest accomplishments was when he was sent to Germany as a staff sergeant. His job, along with other soldiers, was to bring five geographical regions in Germany up to par. They had six months and \$7 million to do it.

"When I arrived in Germany the facilities looked like World War II," Friday said. "The buildings had not been renovated, the plumbing had not been changed, and most of the equipment had not been changed since the end of the Korean War."

Not only did they complete the job, they did it with one month to spare. Friday said he spent most of his time training officers to use the new technology.

After the military experience, he attended college. He received his B.A. in mass communications from Oral Roberts University. He completed his degree within two years.



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Coordinating and scheduling televised classroom productions is just part of the job for B. Michael Friday, Missouri Southern technical specialist, who started in October.

Friday then attended Ball State, where he received his master's degree after only one year.

After college, he started working for LDDS Worldcom. His job there was to help put up a new building and operations center. He then decided to enter a more stable pay market, which led to landing his current job at Southern.

Friday is married and has three children, all under the age of 5.

"I got married late in life," he said with a chuckle.

One of his special interests relates back to his days in the Air Force. He likes to play war strategy games. Friday said he has also been known to pull a few magic tricks on students while they are at lunch.

Another hobby he has is playing paintball. In fact, he and a friend who lives in Tulsa were on a team together. Friday also takes a couple teenage boys who live next door with him. The two teens have no father, so he takes them out to play paintball.

"It's nothing formal like Big Brother/Big Sister," Friday said.

When Friday thinks of heroes, he doesn't think of the superstar athlete or big Hollywood star. His idea of hero is the normal, everyday person who works hard. Since he grew up in the Marine Corps, most of his heroes were the people he met everyday, people who did what needed to be done whether it was popular or not. People who just did it. □

### SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

## Experienced nurse offers advice on exercise, diet

By SARAH KYLE  
CHART REPORTER

Making an appointment with Dr. Catherine Irwin is not always an easy task. Irwin, an assistant professor of nursing, came to Missouri Southern in the fall of 1997.

Commuting from Fayetteville, Ark., where her family lives, takes up much of Irwin's time.

"The traveling doesn't bother me," Irwin says. "In fact, it relaxes me while I look to my busy day ahead."

Irwin has always enjoyed nursing. While attending the University of Arkansas, she became a nurse's assistant and managed to graduate in four years with a 4.0 grade-point average.

With a great deal of motivation, Irwin received her

bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in nursing. After 25 years of experience and with such education, one can only imagine the health tips from someone who has seen it all.

"Walking at least 30 minutes each day and eating low-fat foods and foods which are high in fiber is the best health plan," Irwin said. "Having plenty of social support is also important to one's health."

Irwin stresses the fact that without support from one's peers, the motivation is difficult to maintain.

One of the hardest things Irwin deals with each day is time management. Between travel, her appointments, and a new health plan promotion, she is rarely found in her office.

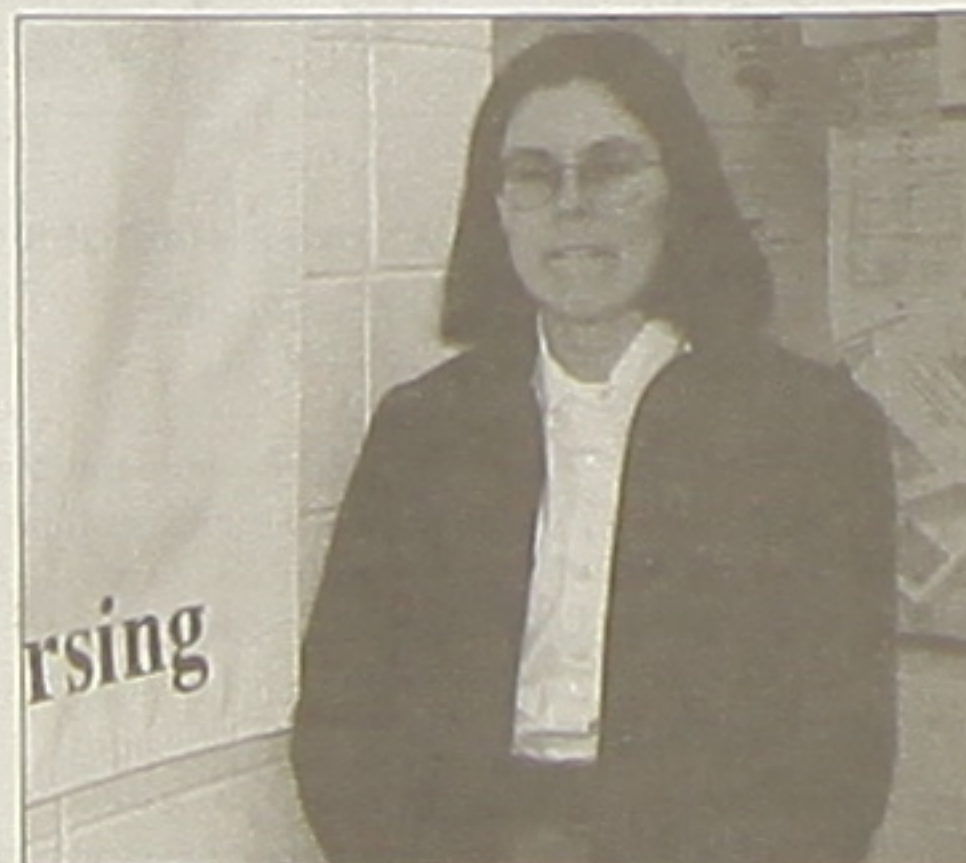
The Community Health Nursing class also keeps Irwin preoccupied. She and her 28 students travel

around the community making house calls and checking up on senior citizens.

"This is a great way to meet people," Irwin says. "The class promotes spiritual health and systems for a good-looking body."

Some of Irwin's time management challenges include raising two teenagers who are active in baseball and swimming. She also enjoys traveling and going on camping trips with her family. Being a wife and mother are things Irwin says she does best, aside from promoting good health and doing her job at Southern.

Advice Irwin says to focus on is to "further extend your education, as soon as possible. Getting lots of experience is great. Follow the professors, they know what they're doing, and also focus on good health." □



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Dr. Catherine Irwin, assistant professor of nursing, works with the Community Health Nursing class.



## SYMPOSIUM: Focus on Africa Semester

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United Nations Secretary-General would put Africa in the limelight.

"It's not just how the U.S. sees Africa," Massa said, "it is how other nations regard Africa."

Tuesday night's program will feature two speakers. Dr. Peter Schraeder, associate professor of political science at Loyola University of Chicago, and Dr. Richard Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute, will present speeches dealing with foreign policy issues concerning Africa. Haass spoke last year at the first Gockel Symposium and Massa said many had asked for his return. The Brookings Institute is a Washington-based thinktank, and Haass is often a guest on MSNBC, CNN, and other network news programs. Schraeder has lived and taught in Africa. Massa said his name came up repeatedly during his search for possible speakers.

"Both will be discussing American foreign policy toward Africa up to and since the Cold War," Massa said.

Interest in the College's Africa Semester, as the fall 1998 semester will be called, was piqued for Dr. Erik Bitterbaum when he heard a guest lecturer from Senegal describe her experiences with American attitudes toward her homeland.

"We had a guest speaker here last year, Aminata Sow Fall, and one of the things she said was Africa being a neglected continent," said Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

Like the China Semester, the Africa Semester will feature some classes designed to allow students greater access to the continent in an academic setting.

"Different departments will be looking at this from different perspectives," Bitterbaum said.

Work has already begun on the symposium for 1999, Massa said. Next year's symposium will focus on the Panama Canal and its return to Panamanian control as the U.S. relinquishes its rights after nearly a century. □

## CHEATERS: Internet sites spark idea for bill

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material knowing it would be used for dishonest purposes."

Ehlmann filed the bill, which was passed by the education committee last month, to stem what he saw as a growing attitude of apathy regarding cheating in Missouri schools.

Ehlmann said the greatest sign of which was Internet sites that provided test and

assignment materials.

But the legislation has not found overwhelming support within the education community.

Darrel Warren, Joplin High School principal, believes the bill is too harsh on students, and, in cracking down on third parties, would also unnecessarily punish students.

"When you look at the practical aspect of it, it might be overkill," Warren said.

Warren added that he knew of no incidents involving the sale of test materials at Joplin High School during his two years as the school's principal.

"Over the last 10 years, there has been increased pressure on students to make good grades and added pressure to cheat, but I don't have any direct knowledge of people using [Internet sites] for this purpose," he said. □

## FACULTY: Class reduction found unnecessary

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required core or number of hours," said Dennis Herr, assistant professor of computer information sciences and Faculty Senate representative to the academic policies committee. "Are we putting enough rigor into the various courses is always an issue."

The committee found that a reduction in the number of required hours for graduation would affect relatively few students because most already take more than the minimum required, according to its report. The committee cited several reasons for the excess credit.

The first is that many degrees at Southern require more than the minimum 128 credit hours. Switching majors or obtaining a minor

or second major is another reason that many Southern graduates leave with more than the required number of hours, according to the report.

"I think it would make a difference for me," said Michael Day, freshman business major. "I would like to take more classes just for enjoyment, but it seems like I only have time to take the required ones."

Other options considered by the committee were raising the foreign language requirement as part of the College's mission enhancement or perhaps changing the number of electives required.

After reviewing all the information, the committee concluded, "changing the number of credit hours for graduation is not appropriate

at this time."

The recommendation will be presented to the Faculty Senate at its April 6 meeting and will be open to discussion, Herr said.

"The administration here likes to get input from a vast cross section of the College," Herr said. "The discussion about graduation requirements is a continuous one, but the bottom line comes down to the president and Board of Regents and what they deem as important."

Another issue considered by the committee in the decision making process was the ability for the four schools of the College to have control over their requirements, Herr said.

"It makes sense to at least have discussion about the changes," Tiede said. □

## OVERLOAD: In a hurry to finish

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course load the first semester of college.

"It's really not that hard because I have the easier classes this semester," Terrey said. "I keep up pretty well. I study all of the time, though. I'll probably only take 15 next semester."

"I'd say it's OK to take this many during the second semester of school, but not the first. You have to have time to get used to being in college."

Terry Culp, senior computer information science

major, has 18 hours on his slate. He didn't want to be forced into another semester of school by taking only 12 or 15, thus the heavier class load.

Culp's previous semesters found him squeezing 16-hour loads between football practices and workouts. He said even though it was difficult being a student athlete, this semester is actually a little more strenuous.

"With football it was tough to get everything done and then go to practice," he said. "It's actually harder now, without football. I have to go straight to work after classes at noon. Then I work till about 5:15 or so and then go to pick up my fiancée."

"This semester is really tough because it is my last. Senioritis kicks in a little. I try to work out on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and then when I get home it's 8 p.m. and I've got about four hours of homework in front of me."

Taking extra hours may seem hectic and even self-abusive, but Mathis has found some benefits.

"The accelerated graduation will be nice. I hope to go on to graduate school; I'll be able to start that earlier. Or I can also move on and get a job. I think the benefit will be I can get on with the other aspects of my life. But on the other hand, I don't want to push myself too much either."

"There have been a couple of times when it gets tough, but I just keep on track of what I need done and when it needs to be done. I still manage to have fun. It's not like I'm sacrificing my social life or anything. I know when it's time to sit back and take a break." □

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Christin Mathis  
Sophomore  
Secondary Education

## APPOINTMENTS: College strives to continue growth of International Institute

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proposed and funded by an alumnus of the College, and an international publication. Stebbins will continue to serve as adviser to *The Chart* and teach

most of the journalism courses in the department of communications.


"Slowly but surely the word is getting out that Missouri Southern's international mission offers some incredible opportunities for our students and faculty,"

Stebbins said. "My goal is to ensure that everyone knows what's available and what can be accomplished with a little imagination."

Massa said the appointment of Stebbins will allow for the continued growth of the Institute.

"The Institute has potential for

tremendous breakthrough," he said. "It is simply not possible to keep the contacts and run the program with one person. Dr. Stebbins, most importantly, assumes the role of financial officer. That is a very substantial duty." □




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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Mountain bikers to unite for race, skill competition

The Neosho Neighborhood Recreation Center (NNRC) is sponsoring the NNRC Gibson Springs Mountain Bike Race on Sunday.

The starting time for the race is 3 p.m. at the Fort Crowder conservation area on HH Highway.

Registration will be taken at the NNRC, 418 Fairground Road, Neosho, until March 14, and on site the day of the race starting at 2 p.m.

Those who preregister receive a free bike race T-Shirt. No registration after 2:45 p.m. the day of the race. There will be no practicing on the course after 3 p.m. on the day of the race.

The Gibson Springs Mountain Bike Race is open to age groups.

For more information call 417-451-8090. □

### St. John's Center to offer free depression screening

Mental health professionals from St. John's Regional Medical Center will offer area residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression and to participate in a free depression screening on Tuesday. The free program will be held on this day by appointment.

Participants of St. John's depression screening will hear a brief talk on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of depression followed by a short video. Individuals will complete an anonymous written screening test for depression and will have the opportunity to discuss the results with a mental health professional.

This is a monthly service. The program is a joint effort through St. John's mental health services and the Center for Women's Health.

Depression strikes more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment even though treatment can help 80 percent of those affected. Common symptoms of depression include feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, restlessness and irritability, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy, and thoughts of death or suicide. Persons may make a depression screening appointment by calling 625-2354. □

### Donation develops into drawing for 1997 Honda

Neosho Powersports donated a 1997 Honda Shadow 600 Deluxe to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

Tickets for the Honda are available at Neosho Powersports and at Children's Miracle Network.

There will be a drawing on Sunday, May 31, during the telethon.

For more information, persons may call 417-451-0661 or 625-6659. □

### Charlton Heston to host dinner for congressman

Academy Award winner Charlton Heston will keynote a fundraising dinner for southwest Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt.

Heston, who has starred in more than 70 motion pictures, is one of the nation's leading spokespersons for Second Amendment freedoms.

Heston now heads Arena PAC, a bipartisan organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the Bills of Rights to the U. S. Constitution. He is also the first vice president of the National Rifle Association.

The dinner will be held Friday, March 28, at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield.

Tickets for the dinner will be limited to five hundred. Those interested in attending the event should call the Friends of Roy Blunt campaign office at 417-863-6868. □

### NORTHPARK MALL

## Patrons may opt for second-story view

### J.C. Penney to 'step up' promotion of renovations

By KIKI COFFMAN  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Painters are painting, floor men are laying tile, and management is trying to answer a large number of inquiring phone calls as J.C. Penney plans to open a second floor and escalator on March 20.

"We're really excited about this because it gives us an opportunity to spread our wings a little bit. We're pretty tight downstairs right now," said Dave Atchison, assistant store manager.

"There is a lot of room on the second floor, and it will free up a lot of crowded space that we have on the first floor right now."

Departments on the new second floor will include men's, home, catalog, optical, portrait studio, and watch and jewelry repair.

The grand reopening is scheduled for July 31, but celebrations for the escalator and second floor are still planned for next Friday.

"We'll have T-Shirts that say 'I rode the escalator on the first day' or something like that. I don't have the exact wording on it yet, but we'll sell those and then donate the pro-

ceeds to the March of Dimes," Atchison said. "We have several things planned, but we're trying to get excited about it without calling it a grand opening."

"We want to save that title for when we are finished with the downstairs and that way the store will be complete."

Atchison said the reason for expansion was simple.

"J.C. Penney has done really well in Joplin, and the potential has always been there for this to exist; the second floor has always been here," he said.

"The store has done such good business in such tight quarters that personally I feel we owe it to the area to give them a better shopping area."

Regular patrons of the store agree the new space will enhance the store.

"I think it's great they are making a second floor. I'll definitely try to go to the home department," said Tammy Greenwood, 34, a housewife.

"I hope [J.C. Penney] doesn't get too big, but I will be glad that they're not so close together anymore. It's hard to pick things apart," said Marilyn Ross, 62, a retired school teacher.

Some people have speculated that the new upward trend in the renovations may lead to



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart  
Gary Coursey, of Gary Williams Construction, lays tile in preparation for the presentation of J.C. Penney's new escalator. Several events are scheduled for the opening ceremony.

more Northpark Mall stores adding on, but affirmations on the rumor are unsupported.

"We've always had our office and four stockrooms up on the second floor all along, and I'm guessing that some of the other stores have a similar setup," Atchison said.

"But I haven't heard anything about anyone

else in the mall offering a second floor."

Atchison said he was pleased with the renovation process.

"Things have gone surprisingly smooth. There haven't been any major snafus," he said.

"At least not yet." □

### JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Methamphetamine junkies operate via motel roosts

### Drug abusers seek new homes for labs

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Production of methamphetamine is rising in Missouri, and one of the reasons is the ease with which methamphetamine labs can be transported and set up almost anywhere, quite often in motel rooms.

One way the Joplin Police Department is battling this dangerous drug is by checking motel registers and parking lots.

"You have your known people," said Sgt. Ken Kennedy.

"You've got informant information from two or three people that this person is using and possibly making drugs, and some [people] we've busted for manufacturing [methamphetamine] once or twice before, and they're back out on the street."

There's a 99 percent chance they're going to go back to doing it again.

"So, if they're staying at a motel, it's just a matter of deductive reasoning as to what they're there for."

There are reasons for meth cooks to prefer motel rooms over their homes for practicing the illicit trade.

If caught manufacturing methamphetamine in their home, the suspect risks losing his or her home to the law enforcement agency in

control of that jurisdiction.

"There is considerably more risk of being busted in your own home than getting caught in a motel," Kennedy said.

Joplin patrolman Frank Lundien of the drug task force said no area motels are immune to visits from meth lab operators.

He estimates six or seven of Joplin's motels have been hosts to methamphetamine labs at least once.

"We've found labs in some of the nicest motels, like Drury Inn," Lundien said.

As far as the police know, only one motel owner has actually been a willing participant in the manufacture of methamphetamine, and he has been put out of business.

Most motel managers, however, would rather not talk about the problem.

Billye Swift, manager of the Capri Motel, said she and her staff are cooperating fully with the police force.

"From the very start, the man that owns [the Capri] told me to always cooperate with the police," Swift said.

"Anytime they have questions or want to look at a room, we totally cooperate."

Normally, when someone calls and wants to know which room someone is in, we might ring that person's room, but we don't give out that person's room number or give them any information.

"But the police, we do. They have been here several times. They've

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Ken Kennedy  
Sergeant

come in here and wanted to see the roster, and if they see a name on there that's familiar to them, they knock on the door and go in and talk to [the occupant].

"They've done that a few times, but they've never found anything."

The Joplin Police Department holds seminars to teach motel managers how to spot suspected manufacturers of the drug.

"We give them a brief education on what to look for," Lundien said.

"If they have a lot of traffic in and out of one room or a lot of phone calls, or if they notice an odor that smells like acid or chemicals, they are to call us."

Most of them have been very cooperative."

He said the police have arrested methamphetamine manufacturers in a wide range of ages, from the ages of 17 to 50, but the most common profile of a meth dealer is "mid-20s, high school education or less, and unemployed." □

## Meth goes mobile

By KIKI COFFMAN  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With a growing number of drug busts and informers, methamphetamine dealers are moving their labs with an ever increasing regularity in an effort to defy the law and make more money.

This leads to a new problem for law enforcers — mobile meth labs.

"Drug dealers realize that if they move around a lot, they are harder to catch," said Sgt. Ken Kennedy of the Joplin Police Department.

"They borrow or rent a car and cook dope in the back of it and move around so they can't be located."

Methamphetamine producers, or "cooks," can make the drug as a driver travels down the road.

New processes allow the cooks to create the drug, sometimes without a portable cooker.

"[Cooks] can make [methamphetamine] now, whereby using certain chemicals, they don't even need a heat source," Kennedy said.

Meth can be manufactured using common, everyday ingredients in a relatively small area.

"Labs may usually be found in a panel van, but one could be set up in the trunk of a car easily," Kennedy said.

"It doesn't take a whole lot of room to make meth," said Frank Lundien, a Joplin patrolman assigned to the pursuit of methamphetamine crimes. "You can make meth in a Volkswagen Bug."

The components that make up meth are extremely volatile and have caused a number of busts.

"We find a lot of meth labs because of fires," Kennedy said. "The chemicals react in explosions if the cooks aren't careful. You get a lot of dopers that blow themselves up."

Routine traffic stops are another concern for officers unaware of what they will find when they get to the driver's window.

"The biggest problem with clandestine meth labs is the cops who stop a car," Lundien said. "They don't know if the people are on meth, and people on meth can be violent. It's always a risk."

Policemen are now pulling over cars for minor traffic violations, like a missing front license plate, in an effort to catch drug dealers making or transporting drugs. □

### JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL

## Grassy knolls beckon walkers

### Neighborhood utilizes school grounds for recreation, sports

By KIKI COFFMAN  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Fences have existed almost as long as mankind's sense of property, but a local school is trying to break away the barriers most often associated with school land.

Joplin High School has turned away from "anti-social" fences and gates and has, instead, opted to welcome area residents to use the school's sprawling lawns for recreation and sports activities.

"I think having people from the neighborhood on the grounds is kind of nice," said Dr. Darrel Warren, principal of Joplin High School.

"Generally we let people use [school property] as long as they aren't doing anything damaging to the grounds."

On any given day, people may be seen strolling around the school's fields. Many area residents utilize the land with great fervor.

"I try to get out and walk around almost every day," said Theresa Mayfield, a junior nursing major at Missouri Southern.

"I have a lot of friends who live in the area and use [the high school's fields] all the time. It's really a nice place to go."

Warren said the school hadn't received many negative comments regarding the few rules that apply to use of the lawn area. But after recent land renovation, JHS has had to bolster supervisory duties.

"We just had the south area redone with new grass, so we're having to be really careful about that," Warren said.

"One time when it snowed some parents took their kids up on top of a hill and they were wanting to sled, but we had to stop them because we had set up the area for new grass. It was unfortunate, but I don't think they realized how much damage something like that can do to the ground."

Regular uses for the land involve athletic events and scheduled practices.

"In the spring we have a lot of soccer teams come out to practice, and in summer we have a lot of softball teams scheduling to use the fields," Warren said.

"Sometimes, [impromptu sports teams] just show up and have even climbed the fences to get in. We don't like it when they do that or when they just tear up the ground for fun."

Eventually, if funding issues are solved and enough people are interested, the school is planning to offer even more to the public.

"Eventually we'd like to have a paved walking track with lights for night walking," Warren said.

"We want to make the public welcome, and we hope they understand why we want them to be careful while we let the new grass have a chance to get started." □



TIM WILSON/The Chart  
This sign, used to reserve certain fields for classes and sporting events, doesn't mention the expansive area available for public use.



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## Date set for Cole County Court appeal

Southern library funding could survive ruling, says legislators

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Opening arguments for a Western District Court of Appeals case affecting higher education capital improvements funding has been set for May 7.

The appeal comes as a result of a Feb. 4 Cole County Circuit Court ruling that stated funds raised since 1995 from admittance fees to Missouri riverboat gaming facilities were part of total state revenues and subject to refund through the Hancock Amendment.

After the ruling, state budget director Mark Ward said, if upheld, the decision would "negatively impact the governor's capital improvement recommendations" for the fiscal year 1999.

But state officials have since changed their tune.

State budget officials now say the outcome of Attorney General Jay Nixon's appeal may not affect Missouri Southern's capital improvement allocation to the extent initially feared.

Southern, initially recommended to receive \$6,311,696 for renovations to Spiva Library and Ummel Technology Building, may now receive the full allocation amount when the General Assembly approves the state operating budget the first week of May, Ward said. Ward had originally feared, if the decision was upheld, Carnahan had originally recommended a total amount of \$129,506,545 for all state higher education facilities.

The exact figures for the funding subject to refund, initially estimated at \$78.8 million, is now believed to be in excess of \$120 million. The amount comes from approximately \$40 million grossed each year from admittance fees to gaming facilities for 1995 through 1997. Carnahan had originally recommended a total amount of \$129,506,545 for all state higher education facilities.

Chris Sifford, spokesperson for the governor, said the



Ward

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(R-Seneca)

outcome of the appeal would most likely not influence Carnahan's capital improvement recommendations.

"There's certainly a risk, but we won't speculate that we're going to lose," Sifford said. "We'll probably move forward with our capital improvements budget."

Eldon Wallace, assistant commissioner for fiscal affairs for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, said it was too early to predict what would happen if the decision stands.

"I don't know, and I don't think anybody else knows. There are no rules of nature that say what would happen," Wallace said. "[The General Assembly] has several options. They could appropriate the funding and leave it to the governor's office to decide."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said if that were to happen, legislators would have other options for coming up with the refund money, should the Cole County decision stand.

One such plan would call for expanding the amount withheld from the state budget. The state currently withholds 3 percent from all funded programs for contingencies. The state could expand that number to 4 percent for all state budgets. Burton said such an option would adequately pay for the Hancock refunds.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), who supports the Cole County decision, agrees the Assembly could keep capital improvement allocations intact even if the decision stands.

"I never wanted a foundation built on gambling in the first place, but we do have some flexibility, as far as refunds, for what we can protect," he said.

No decision is expected in the appeal until mid-summer. □

## Hancock funds subject of Nixon's appellate case

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri residents receiving Hancock refunds this month may be eligible for a second check this summer depending on the outcome of a Western District Court of Appeals case.

The appeal, filed by Attorney General Jay Nixon, is in regard to a Feb. 4 Cole County Court ruling that declared up to \$120 million collected from admittance fees to state gaming facilities over the last three years as part of the general state revenue and subject to refund in accordance with the 1980 Hancock Amendment to the Missouri Constitution, which mandates the returns when state revenues exceed a formula for residents' personal income. This month's refund is the first time the amendment has been exercised.

The Cole County ruling originated from a 1996 lawsuit filed by State Auditor Margaret Kelly against budget director Mark Ward. The lawsuit alleged that Kelly had the sole responsibility to figure Hancock returns and that the \$1 admittance fee to Missouri riverboat gaming facilities was part of the general revenue.

Gov. Mel Carnahan's office had said the funds were set aside from total state revenues as part of a referendum approved by Missouri citizens. But the Cole County Court ruled in favor of Kelly citing technical changes made to one statute of the referendum after being submitted to voters negated its prior approval.

If the appeal fails, funding for the refund would likely come from Carnahan's capital improvement recommendation for fiscal year 1999.

"If the decision stands, that money would have to come from capital improvements," said Chris Sifford, spokesperson for the governor's office.

If the Western District upholds the Cole County decision, Missouri residents could see their refunds increase by as much as 31 percent. Residents eligible for Hancock refunds are currently looking at a total of \$376 million to be returned.

Opening arguments in the appeal are scheduled to begin May 7. A decision is not expected until mid-summer.

Joplin residents should begin receiving refunds next week. □

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## House passes College budget

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri House of Representatives gave final approval Wednesday to state higher education operating budgets for the 1999 fiscal year on a 125-5 vote.

Missouri Southern would receive \$19,967,989 for its general operating budget, which constitutes an 11.1 percent increase over the 1998 fiscal budget. In addition to Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommended budget increase, the House also tacked on a \$97,918 increase.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said the increase was to compensate for inflation and mission enhancement expenditures.

The House also approved a \$37,500 increase in funding for Southern's Regional Crime Laboratory, which does not fall under the College's general budget.

Similar increases were approved for the three additional crime laboratories in the state.

Burton, who proposed the House increases, said the additional funding came from Carnahan's Common Library System Platform for Academic Libraries, which was over-funded, according to state officials.

Carnahan had recommended \$10,205,535 for the program, but state officials appearing before the House budget committee said they could not use all the funding in one year.

"[Southern's crime lab] can use it for whatever purpose they want to," Burton said. "It's designed to help them catch up in meth lab investigation work. They were as far behind as any other crime lab in the state."

But according to Burton, the approved allocation amounts could be lowered in the Senate due to

## Higher Education's Biggest Spenders

Listed are the Missouri Colleges and Universities which were allocated the largest operating budgets.

1. MU System	\$397,595,120
2. SMSU	\$80,559,822
3. CMSU	\$55,854,857
4. SEMO	\$45,571,409
5. Truman State	\$40,304,440
8. Southern	\$19,967,989

over-budgeting by the House.

"There was some talk that if we went over budget, the Senate could go back and start slicing some higher education funding," Burton said.

"If they were going to take anything out of it, I would guess it would come from capital improvements."

The approved budget now moves on to the Senate appropriations committee, where up to \$16 million must be cut from programs in order to balance the state's budget. Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), a member of the committee and assistant minority leader in the Senate, said he would try to protect Southern's budget increase.

"When we have to strip money, it makes our job harder, but there are some areas I can protect," Singleton said. □

## PLOWING THE WAY



AARON DESLATTÉ/The Chart

Icy conditions made traveling hazardous at the state capitol on Wednesday. Road crews were dispatched to the Capitol Building at 6 a.m. to de-ice walkways and staircases before legislators arrived.

## CBHE

## Loan forgiveness legislation targets high-tech majors

Bill seeks to provide \$2,500 per year to students who enter high-demand fields

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A bill that would create "student loan forgiveness" for Missouri students who take jobs within the state will likely focus on high-tech fields, according to officials involved in the legislation's development.

The bill, sponsored by House Speaker Steve Gaw (D-Moberly), would make stu-

dents eligible for loans of up to \$2,500 per year for a total of 10 semesters if the students agreed to enter "high-demand" occupational areas of study.

Which area of study are deemed high demand would be at the discretion of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE).

The loans could be forgiven if the students entered their fields of study within Missouri no more than one year after graduation.

The loans would be erased at a rate of 20 percent each year the recipients remained on the job.

According to Dan Peterson, Missouri Student Assistance Resource Services (MOSTAR) deputy director, the emphasis of

the bill would most likely focus on technology fields, which are in short supply within the state.

"[The CBHE] hasn't formally looked into which fields would be targeted, but we have some general ideas what they might be," Peterson said.

Peterson said fields such as computer technologies, machinists, and manufacturing would likely be the first emphasized if the bill is signed into law.

"We would coordinate the effort in determining which fields to emphasize with business sectors," he said. "These are just our best guesses."

"It's fairly evident to me that if we're going to maintain and improve our standard of liv-

ing, we need to invest in our job skills," Gaw said. "We're just not getting enough graduates in [high-tech] areas."

According to Gaw, high-tech jobs would not be the only emphasis of the program, and the emphasis would be subject to review and revision each year by the CBHE.

"The CBHE takes statistical information on which fields we are in need of the most," he said.

"It's fairly obvious high-tech fields would be one of them, but it wouldn't be the only one. It could include other career paths more public in nature."

The legislation, if passed, would not be applicable to current state student loans, only those made under the program. □

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

## Secretary of State issues Cease and Desist Order

Secretary of State Rebecca Cook has issued a Cease and Desist Order against three Ohio companies and four of their representatives for violating Missouri securities laws.

At least 50 Missourians lost money in the scheme, which offered guaranteed returns of 138 to 181 percent annually with no risk. The companies attracted potential investors with sales materials and pitches that promoted the so-called "common law" movement and rejected the authority of state and federal government over their action.

Named in the order were The Infinity Group Company and The House of Liberty of Fairport Harbor, Ohio; SLB Charitable Trust, Geoffrey P. Benson and Geoffrey J. O'Connor, all of Painesville, Ohio; Paul A. Vandermus of St. Louis; and Robert J. Brothers of Jackson.

Neither the companies, sales representatives, or the investments being offered for sale were registered with the Securities Division of the Secretary of State's Office as required by Missouri law.

Last month, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania issued an injunction against The Infinity Group Company, Benson, O'Connor, and others involved in this investment scheme. In this action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the District Court found the company had raised over \$26.6 million from more than 10,000 investors nationwide.

Cook said her office took its enforcement action following a lengthy investigation based on information and complaints received from Missouri residents. □

## Lawsuit targets health department

Members of the Missouri Association of Health Plans filed a lawsuit this week in Cole County District Court to stop the Missouri Department of Health from implementing rules that will require plans to collect, audit, and publish data the health plans are already providing.

Major legislation regulating managed care health plans passed the General Assembly last year and went into effect Aug. 28, 1997. Although the legislation was promoted by sponsors as protecting consumers, some sections of the new law are being implemented with costly provisions. The Missouri Department of Health was authorized, under the new law, to collect data that would be used to publish a simple and objective annual consumer guide for current and prospective members of managed care plans.

Health plans in Missouri already collect data on quality care, access to care member satisfaction and member health status and are prepared to turn that data over to the Department of Health, in accordance with the new law. The Missouri DOH, however, has published emergency rules requiring health plans to duplicate the current data collection processes and pay the DOH to review data that is already being reviewed for the health plans by independent third parties.

"The association strongly supports any effort to provide Missouri's consumers with information about our plans. But the emergency rules that the Department of Health has issued will unnecessarily drive up the cost of providing this data," said Michael Winter, executive director of the association. "We regret that we weren't able to convince the Department of Health that these rules will make coverage more expensive for our current and future members and give them nothing additional in the way of data." □



## Sports SCOPE

We now have  
a reason to  
start bragging

We are on the verge of witnessing Missouri Southern history. For the first time in the 60-year existence of our College, one man's number may hang alone in our gymnasium never to be worn by any other Southern athlete.

A recommendation from the student athletic advisory committee and the athletic committee calling for the retirement of Southern alumnus Rod Smith's jersey is now resting with the



Nick Parker  
Managing Editor

College's central administration. Smith is a member of the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos.

Finally, we have someone out there who has found as much success after the close of his Southern career as they experienced during it. Finally, we can do something many other colleges do: honor someone who has achieved greatness as a student-athlete and as a professional athlete.

This is not about honoring our institution or our football program, although it will bring much-needed and deserved recognition and publicity to our campus.

This is about honoring one of our own. This is about honoring No. 9.

Smith was an exceptional athlete in the Lion program. Smith was an All-American. Smith was a Harlan Hill candidate. Smith was an MIAA champion. Smith was a champion, period.

Now, he is a starting NFL wide receiver, and again he is a champion.

I could go on for a while longer about his athletic prowess, but we all know that. We've all heard about his accomplishments.

What many don't know about are his accomplishments as a student.

In April 1994 Smith was a co-recipient of the College's outstanding graduate award. He received degrees in economics and finance, marketing and management, and general business.

"I wasn't here to play football and leave; I was here to graduate and be involved on campus," he said at the time of his award.

Good 'ol No. 9 was active in the Hammons Mentor Program, the Joplin Boys and Girls Club, the Student Senate, and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Picture this: It's March 1999, you walk into Southern's brand-spankin' new fieldhouse (Just for a good laugh, let's call it The Chart Arena), and hanging alone, in a place of honor, is Smith's jersey. Your friends from out of town look at you and ask why a lone football jersey is hanging in your gym.

You could respond to that query several different ways. No matter what you say, you now have the opportunity to do what every Southern student has wanted to do — brag about a former Lion who's made it in the bigs.

Think about it. Won't you feel cool talking as if you know this Super Bowl champion? Won't it be cool to do something practically every other college has been able to do — honor a great athlete?

Our College finally has an athlete to truly brag about.

It would be a shame for Southern to pass up the opportunity to honor Smith. Not to mention the great publicity this would bring to our institution. □

### INDOOR TRACK

## Keller, Lofland heading to nationals

Two Southern runners  
compete in Indianapolis

By JOE ECKHOFF  
STAFF WRITER

After an impressive team performance at the conference meet, Missouri Southern had a Last Chance Meet at the University of Arkansas last weekend.

The Lady Lions will be sending two athletes to the indoor national championship this weekend in Indianapolis.

Tina Keller will be competing in the 55-meter hurdles, while DaLana Lofland will be competing in the 800-meter run.

Southern women's track coach Patty Vavra had Lofland compete in the 800-meter run

for only the second time in her career.

"It was an event that we have known that she could have success in, but she was competing in many other events," Vavra said.

Lofland also set a school record in the 800-meter that was held by an outdoor All-American runner.

"They are both very deserving, and they both have worked very hard to get there," Vavra said.

Keller said she is pumped to compete at that level against that type of competition.

"I'm really excited; it will give me the chance to run against some great competition," Keller said.

The 55-meter run is not what Keller had been running in the outdoor season.

"In outdoor, I ran the 100-meter hurdles. There are five more hurdles, and it takes

more endurance. In the 55 you have to have quick foot speed," she said.

Another Southern runner who came up just short of qualifying was Sonia Eudy, who was one spot away from qualifying.

"Sonia came up just a little short. She would have been the next person ready, but now we are just getting ready for the outdoor season," Vavra said.

It was an outstanding year overall for the Lady Lions, who set seven new school records and had six provisional qualifying marks set by Lofland and Keller. Others who had qualifying marks were Amanda Harrison, Heather Hoyle, Eudy, and Stephanie Wainscott.

The news wasn't as good for the men's team, who failed to send an athlete to the national tournament, though there were

many who just missed the mark.

"We used many of our athletes in double or triple events at the conference meet, because they would rather score the team points than worry about themselves," said coach Tom Rutledge.

One particular person who suffered from this strategy was Jon Wilks.

"We used Jon in so many events at the conference tournament that we just took his legs away. He wanted to score points for the team," Rutledge said.

Also just missing out on qualifying were Jay Cox, Jack Halsey, Tyson Sims, and Dusty Franks, who didn't compete because of illness.

"Our group this year sacrificed individual goals to help our team, and to me that is being an All-American," Rutledge said. □

### SOFTBALL

## Weekend tourney supplies insight

By JOE ECKHOFF  
STAFF WRITER

It was an exciting weekend for the Lady Lion softball team, who opened its season at the Pittsburg State Invitational.

Missouri Southern opened with a 5-4 win over Emporia State and followed with a 5-0 loss to South Dakota's Augustana College 5-0. The Lady Lions won 2-1 Saturday over Winona (Minn.) State University.

Southern finished the invitational with a 5-4 extra-inning loss to the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The Kearney loss was significant because that squad is ranked No. 1 in the region.

"It would have been nice to beat them, and we had a chance, but it was a good opportunity for us to get ranked," said Southern coach Pat Lipira.

This was a good way for the Lady Lions to open their season, considering their only losses were to ranked teams.

"Last weekend gave us a good idea of what we need to work on," Lipira said.

It was a good learning experience for the freshmen pitchers, too.

"Our pitchers got broken in and recognized the difference between high school hitting and college hitting," Lipira said.

The consistent problem with the pitchers, she said, was getting the ball up and not producing enough ground balls.

Jennifer Jimerson only had four ground balls in four games," Lipira said. "When pitchers keep the ball down, we get more ground balls, and that is what we need. We will work on getting better drop balls."

It was a frustrating weekend for the offense, which had many run-

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Jessica Impson  
Freshman

ners get on but couldn't drive them in.

"We had runners on and moved them over very well, but we didn't do a good job at getting them in," Lipira said.

A couple of Lady Lions led the offense by hitting over .400 during the tournament.

"Jessica Impson led off and had an outstanding weekend, as well as Kim Wilson and Jennifer Kennemer," Lipira said.

Impson said she was pleased with her team's performance last weekend.

"We played well and worked well as a team, and it was just exciting to play," Impson said.

It was also helpful for the Lady Lions to get a read on this year's competition.

"It gave us an idea of what we need to look for and improve on for our tournament this weekend," Impson said.

The Lady Lion/Ott Food Classic features Southern, Washburn University, Cameron University, and the University of Central Arkansas. □



Sophomore catcher Joanne Kremer is bundled up during Tuesday's softball practice. The squad plays in the Lady Lion/Ott Food Classic this weekend after coming off of a strong Pittsburg State Invitational finish.

### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

## Andrews provides leadership on, off tennis court

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

As the tennis season begins, junior tennis player Heather Andrews is preparing to be a leader for the Lady Lions' tennis team and hopes to lead the MIAA on and off the court.

Andrews, vice president of Missouri Southern's Student Athletic Advisory Committee, has been named to the national committee to represent all the sports and teams that make up the MIAA.

"Being a part of the National Student Athletic Advisory Committee, I'm responsible for bringing the interests of the conference to a national Division II committee," she said.

Andrews was selected to the committee after the College was asked to make a nomination. The candidate would have to be eligible to serve for two years.

Representing the College and attending national meetings are only part of Andrews' duties.



"Right now I'm on a sub-committee for conference involvement," she said. "The sub-committee's mission is to create a conference Student Athletic Advisory Committee, hopefully by the summer."

Andrews believes the entire conference will benefit from such a committee.

"We're trying to form one so that all student athletes from across the conference will have access to interaction so that everyone will be more informed on what is happening at the other conference colleges and universities," she said.

The skills and relationships Andrews has developed through her involvement with the national committee have been valuable, she said.

"The networking part of the national committee will really help," she said. "I've met so many different people. The relationships I've been able to make with people at Southern and across the country have been great."

Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, was responsible for Andrews' nomination. She believes Andrews' experiences will provide her with more than a better knowledge of athletics.

"I think Heather has done a great job," Beard said. "She's been exposed to the big-

ger picture of athletics and the business end as well. She'll be speaking up for student athletes interest across the country."

This spring, however, Andrews plans to concentrate on the sport that allowed her to gain these leadership positions — tennis.

"I think we'll do well this season," she said.

"We've got some strong players." Though tennis is usually viewed as an individual sport, Andrews believes one of the bright points in her season will be her doubles team.

"My doubles partner, Julie Posch, and I really complement each other's game," she said. "We play a lot alike."

Tennis coach Jill Fisher believes in the ability of Andrews and Posch.

"I don't think there is anybody in the conference that can beat them as far as talent and skill," she said.

Andrews impresses Fisher in more ways than one.

"Off the court, Heather is a good student; she's dependable, and she's a real leader," Fisher said. "On the court, she's a steady player. I can always count on her pulling through."

The interaction and teamwork Andrews has been a part of through her work with the

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National Student Athletic Committee plays a big part on the tennis court as well.

"Because tennis is such a pressure sport, Julie and I probably enjoy playing doubles more than singles because it allows us to work together and take the pressure off each other," she said. □





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Freshman cheerleader Robert Wichman prepares to lift his partner, freshman Lindsay Franks, at a recent practice in Young Gymnasium.

# Hard work motivates squad

## Male cheerleaders bring fresh outlook

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Though there are few male athletes able to participate in both football and basketball at the collegiate level, Missouri Southern has many such athletes. That is, if one considers cheerleading a form of participation. Many cheerleaders have roots in activities other than cheerleading. "I used to wrestle," said Robert Wichman, a freshman cheerleader. "They don't have a wrestling team at Southern and I wanted to do something athletic, so I got into cheerleading." Lack of prior cheerleading experience is not uncommon among Southern's male cheerleaders. Cheerleading sponsor Cindy Wolfe believes there is a reason for this.

"It's hard in this area to get cheerleaders because there aren't a lot of high schools that have male cheerleaders," she said. Neosho High School is the only school in the area that has male cheerleaders. Cheerleaders like Matt VanWinkle chose cheerleading on a whim. "My boss, Cindy Wolfe, was the head of the pool department and I was a lifeguard," he said. "She asked me to try out, so I decided to go out there and humor her." VanWinkle also believes cheerleaders do not receive the credit they deserve. "Cheerleading may not be considered a sport because there is no head-to-head competition, but if someone thinks it's easy and they could do it, too, I'd like to hold them to that and watch them try," he said. VanWinkle attributes the fact cheerleading is difficult as the rea-

son Southern has had problems keeping male cheerleaders in the past. However, difficulty is what drives some cheerleaders. "Cheerleading takes a lot of balance, strength, and coordination," Wichman said. "I like to push myself to see how many things I can do." Senior cheerleader Adam Hames, who cheered at Neosho High School, was the lone veteran on this year's squad. Hames believes this squad had something above those in past years. "The squad this year has done more than we've been able to do in the past with our pyramids and stunts," he said. Wichman believes cheerleading has its advantages off the field and off the court as well. "Everywhere I go there will be someone that says, 'Yeah, I know you, you're that cheerleader,'" he said.

The squad has produced an intense and fun work ethic. "Our practices are set in an uplifting mood," Wichman said. "Everybody gets along, and we have fun, but we do separate the seriousness from the silliness and get down to task." Through all the practices, the goal of cheerleading remains the same. "The best thing about cheerleading is to go out there and cheer to get involved with the crowd," said Justin Barnett, freshman cheerleader. With his cheerleading days in the past, Hames believes when tryouts come around in April, any male interested in cheering should take advantage of the opportunity he receives through Southern's cheerleading squad. "I'd encourage other cheerleaders to try out and stick with it because if they have as much fun as I've had, they'll love it," he said. □

## FOOTBALL

# Assistant head football coach provides experience, new perspective

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Experience and dedication will be a mainstay as Harry Van Arsdale joins the football team in a new coaching position. Van Arsdale will hold the title of assistant head coach and coach running backs as well. "It's a title that means, should anything ever incapacitate me for any reason, there is a least a chain of command," said head coach Greg Gregory. Gregory and Van Arsdale have been corresponding through a mutual friend for more than a decade.

Gregory believes Van Arsdale's style of coaching will complement his own. "He's a tough, hard-nosed type of football coach, and that's what I want out of our football players," Gregory said. "I want a tough football team physically and mentally." Van Arsdale joins the Lions after serving six seasons at Mars Hill, also an NCAA Division II team. However, his experience lies far beyond the small North Carolina school. "Over my 30 years in coaching, I've had the opportunity to coach at every level there is in college football," he said. Thirty years in coaching have allowed Van Arsdale the ability to

develop a style of coaching he hopes to instill in not only his running backs but the entire Lion squad. "I'm honest, but I'm brutally honest," he said. "The one thing I'd like to bring is a sense of toughness. We have to have a toughness in mind and attitude." Van Arsdale also hopes to transfer his history of winning to Southern. "I've been fortunate enough in my coaching career to be around a great group of men in most cases and to be a champion in every one of those levels either as a player or as a coach," he said. "The only level right now that has

escaped me is Division II." Gregory believes his staff will also benefit from Van Arsdale's arrival. "This brings in an outside source that's been at this level," he said. "He can in a way instigate different things that he thinks might help the program from a management standpoint." Van Arsdale has been impressed with Gregory and the entire coaching staff at Southern. "The assistant coaches here are great," he said. "They have a wonderful work ethic, and everybody seems to get along. That's important in this profession because you've got to be with them all the time."

Van Arsdale believes he will just be a small factor in helping the Lions reach their goals. "There are no trap doors," he said. "I'm not looking for a way out. I'm looking for a way in. I just want to be a small part of helping the team win." Through all of his successes, Van Arsdale still remains humble. "I don't think you can ever go through a day that I don't say I'm thankful," he said. "You can't be in this profession for 30 years and not have some type of guidance other than your own. You can't do it by yourself, it's impossible. I've been blessed that way." □

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Assistant head football coach

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Ugandan refugee Samite kicked off the African Semester with a free concert at Webster Hall Monday. His music is a blend of traditional African melodies and modern musical technology.

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Mar Gueye is one of the musicians Samite with whom travels and performs. Several instruments in the show are native to his homeland.

# SAMITE

## strikes a chord with Southern audience

By AARON DESLATTE  
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In the beginning of a dream, there is nothing. Darkness and unfamiliarity engulf the cognitive realm. Then the conscious and unconscious greet each other as one clocks out, the other in. Their conversation stokes the fire of recollection and the dreamscape begins to form.

To communicate the message of a dream, a common language must be established. A bridge between the unconscious and conscious must be built.

Samite, the “Ugandan dream weaver,” chose long ago that music would be the embodiment of his unconscious thoughts and the vessel in which to share his dreams.

Much like a dream’s origin, Monday’s performance began in darkness. The crowd of Missouri Southern students, staff, faculty, and others assembled in Webster Hall auditorium awaited the onset in curiosity and uncertainty, many of whom were unfamiliar with Samite’s music or origin.

But, much as it must have sounded years ago in the Ugandan King’s Courtyard, the concert’s opening melodies come shrouded in the guise of nature’s own song — the call of a bird, the rustle of the bushes.

Then, Samite’s song emerged. The kalimba carried the melody. Congas leaped into percussive support. The flute

lent harmony to the mix. Samite was awake, alert, and dreaming.

A passive crowd looked on in dumbfounded stagnancy. They clapped when the overture was complete, but they weren’t getting the message.

Samite continued to sing his life’s story. Song after song, his thoughts and emotions poured out in harmony and lyric. Their message began to paint a portrait for the crowd of a land separated from their own by sea and thousands of miles. Separated by languages and diplomatic policies, and yet somehow similar, and in some respect yet undetected, both places were the same.

As the music continued, Samite’s audience became more acutely aware of the mood, and more obtusely unaware of the surroundings. A slight transformation had begun. Feet began to tap. Hands begin to clap.

The Ugandan begins to sing “Silina Musango.”

“Homeless is not my name,” Samite says. “My mother calls me baby.”

And like a hand reaching out taking hold, a link between the entertainer and the entertained is established.

The native tongue of Luganda does nothing to impair the change. Communication has begun, transcending clumsy verbal expressions.

Mothers and children are dancing in the isles and in front of the stage. But the bulk of the audience lingers in hesitation.

Children, the least inhibited by the possible social repercussions of spontaneous improvisational behavior, lead the wave of defecting Joplinites given their first taste of a new treat.

At Samite’s urging in between pieces, the crowd unites in uniform, non-verbal communication. As if Samite’s soliciting serves as some sort of socially applicable get-out-of-jail-free card, the audience suddenly becomes engulfed in the song. Samite, like a gardener planting wild flowers, smiles as his creation grows beyond his control. The crowd is awake, alert, and dreaming.

The message is a simple one. It is a message Samite learned while in a refugee camp in Kenya.

“I learned that despite class or education, we all share the same feelings,” he says. “There are many differences and complexities, but in the end we all share our common humanity.”

“It’s a brilliant way to spring into another culture,” said Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history at Southern. “If you live in Joplin, you might never see this.”

And almost as soon as it had begun, the performance is over.

The crowd that left Webster Hall might not have been any more capable of locating Uganda on a map, but they felt closer just the same. Despite social, economic, and physical barriers separating Uganda from America, both lands share the same horizon when viewed from the heart. □



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M.J. (Emma) Potter is originally from New York, but spent many years in South Africa soaking up the culture and music of the country before touring with Samite.



MIKE GULLETT/Special to The Chart

Samite’s concert Monday night drew a nearly full house. He played songs from his previous albums and his latest release “Silina Musango.”